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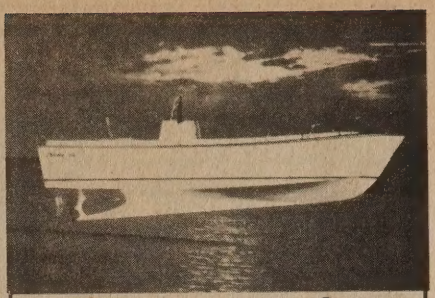

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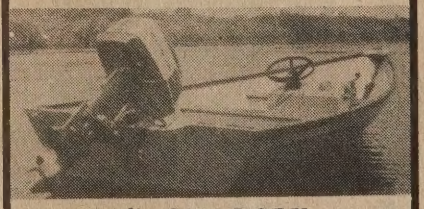

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Mr. Terrell holds many fly rod records including a 39 lb. Cobia on 6 lb. tippet.

He is a very accomplished and well travelled Fly Fisherman and there will be much to learn from his talk and slide show. The meeting is open to the public. Coffee and cake will be served.

Chum Lines

I would like to start tagging fish. I own a boat and fish out of Sheepshead Bay, but I don't know who to contact for information. If you could help, I would greatly appreciate it. *C. Albano, Brooklyn, NY.*

For information on tagging fish contact the American Littoral Society at Sandy Hook, Highlands, New Jersey 07732 or call (201) 291-0055. They will be happy to supply you with all the information you need.

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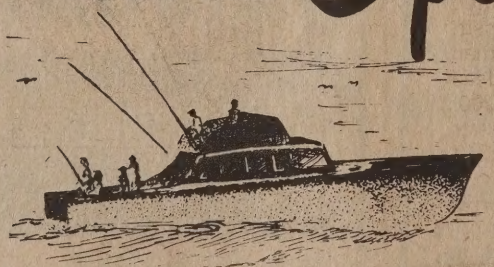

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House Passes 200 Mile Limit Bill!

The Emergency Committee To Save America's Marine Resources announced that after years of effort, proponents of 200 mile fisheries jurisdiction for the United States finally achieved victory in the House of Representatives on October 9, 1975. After a lengthy debate, Representative Gerry Studds' 200 mile bill, H.R. 200, passed by a vote of 208 to 101. Since the Columbus Day recess was starting that night and the vote didn't occur until around 8:00 P.M., 123 members were absent when the vote was taken.

The House vote is just one more step on the way to implementation of 200 mile fisheries jurisdiction for the United States. The Senate Commerce Committee has unanimously approved its comparable legislation, S.961, sponsored by Senator Warren Magnuson (D. Wash.). Affirmative Senate action on that bill is expected in the next few weeks, after which both bills will go to a Conference Committee to have the differences ironed out. After approval of the conference bill in both Houses, it will go to the President's desk. Sponsors believe that this can all be accomplished prior to Christmas.

Unfortunately, it appears that a Presidential veto of this legislation is almost inevitable. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger continues to oppose unilateral action by the United States, despite the fact that the last two Law of the Sea Conferences have failed to come up with a solution, though there is a general agreement on a 200-mile economic zone. The Law of the Sea Conference will convene once again in March, 1976 in New York, and both Kissinger and President Ford have indicated that an agreement is likely at that time. Most other experts disagree with that assesment and point out that the State Department has made the same prediction prior to the past two Conferences, which turned out to be failures.

It should also be noted that the 200 mile fisheries jurisdiction legislation is of an interim nature, to be suspended by any eventual agreement at the Law of the Sea Conference. Furthermore, it doesn't even take effect until July 1, 1976, which would be after the conclusion of next year's Law of the Sea Converence. Therefore, if the Conference were to be successful, as Kissinger and Ford claim, this legislation would never come into effect. As the Senate Commerce Committee has noted, "For the United States to procrastinate about the fisheries until

agreement is reached on a treaty would be to risk...irreversible effects (on the fisheries). Such a postponement would constitute an irresponsible act.''

All fishermen, conservationists and concerned citizens who feel that the future of our marine fisheries should not be a bartering item in international negotiations, should write to their Senators, Congressman, and President Ford, urging them to support S961 and H.R.200. Should the President veto this legislation, it would require every vote we could possibly scrape together in order to provide the ⅔ majority with which to overcome the veto. After years of effort, ''the fat is in the fire''—we need your help now!

For additional information, contact Al Ristori, The Emergency Committee To Save America's Marine Resources, 110 Charlotte Place, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey 07632. Phone (201) 569-9511-2.

New York Vote On HR-200

FOR	AGAINST	PAIRED FOR
Pike (D)	Scheuer (D)	Koch (D)
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Wydler (R)	Bingham (D	**PAIRED AGAINST**
Wolff (D)	Gilman (R)	
Addabbo (D)	McHugh (D)	Horton (R)
Rosenthal (D)	Stratton (D)	
Biaggi (D)	McEwen (R)	**NOT VOTING NOT PAIRED**
Solarz (D)	Conable (R)	
Richmond (D)	LaFalce (D)	
Ottinger (D)	Hastings (R)	Chisholm (D)
Fish (R)		Abzug (D)
Pattison (D)		Peyser (R)
Mitchell (R)		Delaney (D)
Hanley (D)		
Nowak (D)		
Kemp (R)		

Those individuals listed as being paired for or against the bill were absent at the time of the vote but had ''paired off'' with other congressmen who were going to be absent and were on the opposite side of the issue from them so as to negate their vote in any case. While most of the votes agains HR-200 came from upstate areas, it is particularly noteworthy that several New York City congressmen completely ignored the interests of their constituents and voted against HR-200. These individuals are James H. Scheuer of Neponsit, Elizabeth Holtzman of Brooklyn, Charles B. Rangel of Manhattan, Herman Badillo of the Bronx and Johnathan Bingham of the Bronx. Bingham indeed was one of the leaders of the fight to weaken, if not completely defeat, HR-200. Badillo had been a co-sponsor of HR-200 last year. Representative Peter Peyser of Irvington has presented statements in support of HR-200 but wasn't even ''paired off'' at the time of the vote. Constituents of these congressmen should ask them to reconsider their votes in order that our marine fisheries may be saved!

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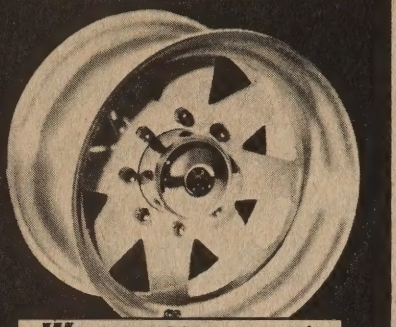

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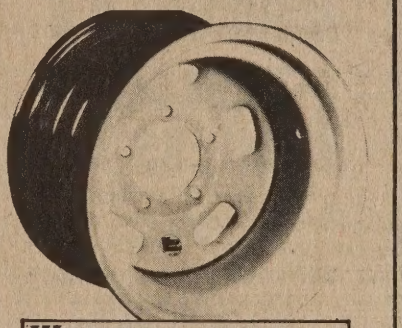

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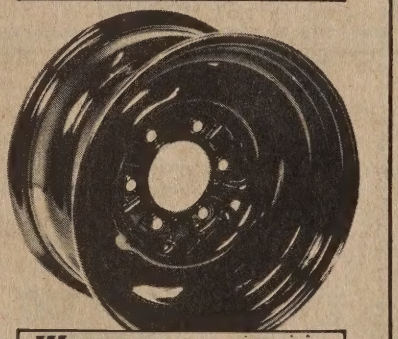

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Herrington Takes Weather Plagued Full Moon Tournament

Weather was the big winner at the Deep Sea Club's annual Full Moon Tournament which ran from noon Friday, October 17 to noon, Sunday, October 19. Without a doubt, the moon was somewhere above the clouds, but not one glimpse of it was spied by any of the more than 100 anglers fishing on 36 boats. A severe northeast storm moved in early Friday night and actually intensified Saturday night.

Almost all of the fishing during the tournament occurred Friday afternoon and evening, and then again on Saturday morning and afternoon when a brief shift of the wind into the southwest made fishing possible, despite heavy showers. Art Herrington took advantage of that respite to hook a 25 lb. striper aboard the "Blithe Spirit" and walk away with both the third quarter prize and largest bass of the contest. Al Ristori, of Lodi, NJ, took both second and third places with bass of 23 and 21½ pounds with his Mako 22 temporarily out of service, Al was using Judd York's 21' "Compass Rose, Jr."

The cause of women's lib was advanced as two anglerettes proved they could compete on equal terms with their male counterparts. Mrs. Barbara Wolfe boated a 15 lb. bass aboard the "Sea Wolfe" to take the second quarter prize as well as the women's trophy. Lorraine Forenze, of Larchmont, NY, took another 15 pounder aboard the "Wanderlust" to cop the juvenile award.

Other winners were Micky Chiarenza, on the "Ramp Rat", for a 20 pounder in the first quarter and Ristori for a 21½ pounder weighed in the fouth quarter. Frank Petrillo got a special award for a 21 pound bass taken in the fourth quarter, the only other bass over 20 pounds, registered in the contest.

1975 Greenport Aquaseum Bluefish and Striped Bass Fishing Tournament

This tournament was sponsored by Middle Atlantic Natural Science Council Inc., and co-sponsored by Radio Station WLNG—Sag Harbor, NY. Headquarters were at A.P. White's Bait Shop on First Street in Greenport.

The tournament started at 4 P.M. on Friday October 10th and stopped at 4 P.M. on Saturday, October 11th, 1975. Fishing was unlimited.

This fishing tournament was a two fold project—1. Providing competition for sportsman and both Suffolk County (Suffolk Community College) and Cornell University under the supervision of Prof. Walter Smith, who is in the 4th year of a 5 year study on bluefish and striped bass migration habbits. This year special attention was given to the heart study of both species. Also attention was given to the study of the life cycle of both species.

As far as the tournament winners are concerned, 1st prize for bluefish went to Richard Jensen of Greenport for his bluefish of 16 lbs. 7 oz. 2nd prize for bluefish went to Joe Angevine also of Greenport for his fish of 15 lbs. 5 oz.

First prize on the striped bass scene went to Kenneth M. Ketcham of East Marion for his striped bass of 39 lbs. 10 oz, while 2nd prize went to Robert Bakas Jr. of Southold for his fish of 34 lbs. 14 oz.

First prize in the Junior Division for bluefish went to Tod Jensen of Greenport for his fish of 12 lbs. 9 oz. Tod is 11 years old. 2nd prize for bluefish went to 13 year old Clifford Spohn of Orient for his 11 lb. 9 ouncer while 3rd prize went to 9 year old John G. Hansen Jr. of Nassau Point Cutchogue for his bluefish of 9 lbs. 12 oz. Fourth prize went to 10 year old Kathy Hansen also of Nassau-Point Cutchogue for her 8 lb. 8 oz fish.

First prize in the Junior Division for striped bass went to Clifford Spohn of Orient for his 11 lb. 8 oz. fish. Sportsman trophys were awarded to David Spohn of Orient and James Bondarchuk, runner-up from Greenport.

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SHAGWONG IN THE FALL

Shagwong which is located on the north side of Montauk offers some fantastic fishing in the late fall. Beginning around the middle of October, and lasting through November during some years, Fall bass fishing at Shagwong can be a rewarding experience.

The large concentration of baitfish that hug the shoreline, offer an easy meal for the marauding schools of bass that are having their last supper so to speak, with visions of dormant months in their minds.

In order to fish Shagwong you will first need a buggy. That is unless you are a better man than I am and don't mind walking a few miles. If you have a buggy you can get there either of two ways. First you can drive down East Lake Drive until you reach the water. Going on the sand drive along Gin Beach until you reach the Point. The other way is by the obstacle course, through Clarks Cove then through Rocky Point until you pass the boulders. Then it is smooth sailing until you reach the Point. Follow the water line and you can't get lost.

There is a method of fishing Shagwong that has payed off for me. Shagwong is best during the last three hours of the outgoing tide. A rip forms that moves seaward from left to right. In this rip is caught the small baitfish and the bass lie in wait for them. As the tide gets lower the rip gets stronger, and fishing is at its best during the last hour of the outgoing tide. This is when most of the bigger fish are caught.

If you want to cover the maximum area, begin fishing three hours before low water at the Point just west of the first rock along Gin Beach. This rock is easy to find at this stage of the tide. It is exposed and is about 50 feet or so off the beach. This point offers the first meeting of baitfish and your plug as the bait leaves the Gin Beach area with the current. If the fish do not cooperate within the first ½ hour leave this area and proceed eastward about 250 feet into the rocks and plug this area for about ½ hour before low water then go the Point itself, and fish the remainder of the tide there. Of course there are times when you will be into fish at any of these locations, then remain until they stop. Then go to the Point and you may just get the one more that you wanted.

I generally start fishing with a 5" Rebel or Redfin since most of the bait at Shagwong will be small, either spearing or sandeels. If I need a little extra distance I go to the Rebel Windcheater or the 7" Rebel. If I need still more distance then I use a darter. However the rip runs pretty close to the beach and can be easily reached with a short cast.

Last year during the middle of October there were about 15 to 20 fishermen spread out throughout the area. We were only taking an occasional fish, when someone got the idea that the fish may be a little further out and to use a big Rebel. On his first cast he was into a fish. When his second cast produced another fish some of the others quietly put on similar plugs.

At the end of the night everyone that used the larger plugs had fish. Was it the distance, or was it the fact that the fish prefered something larger? Anyones guess, but it worked. Another interesting item that should not be overlooked is the fact that a member of the Farragut Striper Club caught a 36 lb. bass just about ½ hour from low water. There always seems to be that one big fish around.

Shagwong differs from the area around the point in that it does not have the rocky bottom that surrounds the Point. No need for creepers, and you can fish like a gentleman. Light tackle if you want.

The tide at Shagwong is approximately 1 hour later than the Point and approximately 55 minutes later than the north bar. Some Montauk regulars fish the North Bar, or False Bar for an hour or two during the last three hours of the outgoing, then move to Shagwong where they can still get in over an hour of fishing before losing the tide. However if you want more room to fish, or you do not want to put up with the wet suit enthusiast be at the reef during the last three hours of the ebb, and try the procedure that I have just explained.

It is needless to say that the best time to fish it is at night when the bait comes close to shore for protection. On some quiet nights you can actually hear the fish splashing as they are chasing the bait. So be quiet when wading, and stay close to shore lest you drive the fish further off the beach. Another point to keep in mind is the fact that you should not shine a light directly into the water for it will spook the fish. If you need a light in order to change plugs or to unhook a fish turn your back to the fish and then use it. When driving to the point be sure to use only your parking lights when facing the water. You will make and keep more friends this way.

Since you will be fishing in a rip and a strong one at that, work your retrieve very slowly. Let the rip do most of the work. In this way your offering will appear natural, and resemble any of the types of bait struggling in the quick water.

A south west of a west wind if not too strong is the best, because it helps the rip to run a little faster. A northwest wind if blowing for a few days dirties the water. An east, southeast or northeast if too strong will put kelp onto the beach, and grass in the water.

Again as I mentioned before, try this area in late fall and you will be surprised what the results can be. Some years this area produces until December. That is if you do not mind those last chilly days of Autumn.

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Diving below ten fathoms is greatly different from shallow water diving. Now you must face the open sea, and its own special thrills and dangers. The boat will be larger and must carry an array of equipment which will allow you to dive safely and comfortably. The diving equipment you must carry will also be different. Your knowledge of diving and on some occasions even your spirit will be tested, neither of which can fail. There is no kidding around. This is the "big time," and it can either make or break a diver.

Deep divers have a great time limitation. We must avoid the need for decompression at all costs. It is just too dangerous for sport divers. You need extra air in order to decompress, and you must keep your heart at the ten foot level. This is a neat thick in four foot seas. Increased wet suit buoyancy will also tend to bring you to the surface. Hanging on the anchor line isn't any good either, cause if the water is a little sloppy, it will be heaving back and forth too. The 110, 120 and 130 foot levels being the deepest give the diver the most problems. At 130 feet the diver can only have a total dive time of ten minutes.

Decompression itself is a relative topic. No one fully understands decompression, or the results of not decompressing when the diver stays over time. If you go overtime by a few minutes, chances are that you won't feel a thing. Especially if you have a slim build and are in good shape. Then it will be more difficult for nitrogen to form a bubble of sufficient size to cause you any physical discomfort. But the nitrogen will be able to attack the marrow of your bones. Over the years this damage accumulates and could cripple a diver. So don't cut the U.S. Navy decompression tables, at the present they are the only thing we've got. Decompression meters are also very good, but they are ment to be used in conjunction with the tables in order to plan a safer dive.

Nitrogen narcosis is another fact of deep diving. If you stay in the 130 foot limitation zone, then you shouldn't have any serious problems. It will take you a little longer to make decisions, and your dexterity will decrease. But then again I'm only talking about 90 feet or so, and below. Tolerances to nitrogen under pressure will vary. Make sure that anything that requires a fair amount of thought has already been taken care of, especially if you have a low tolerance.

The East Coast Wreck Diver is known through out the entire world. His mannerisms and ensemble single him out from the crowd. Diving to twenty fathoms of dark, cold, moving water, he searches the deteriorating hulks in search of gigantic lobster, and bits of nautical memoribilia which he can cherish for years to come. Such traits expose this kind of diver's past, no matter when or where he chooses to dive.

The most important aspect of diving is the breathing apparatus. Experience has taught me that equipment failures must be compensated for before they happen. A single aluminum 80 cubic foot tank is sufficient for most deep dives when filled to capacity. But a single tank alone is a poor system. If you look at the accident reports, you will discover that an alarming number of accidents occur during buddy breathing attempts. Passing a regulator back and forth is especially dangerous when panic and or exhaustion sets in. Then the octopus regulator became popular. An additional second stage was fixed to the regulator. Now if a diver's

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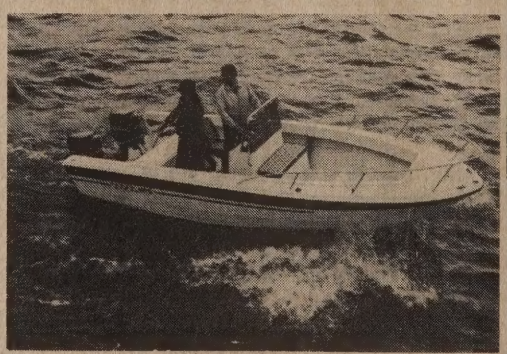

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Thick wet suits are a necessity. But a suit could be a foot thick, if it doesn't fit you properly, it won't keep you warm. Neoprene is the material they are generally made of, and neoprene is easily compressed. The deeper you go the greater the compression, and therefore the greater the decrease in wet suit buoyancy. At 30 feet I may use 20-25 pounds of lead, but at 90 feet 10 pounds is just about right. The use of a buoyancy compensator is one method of overcoming this problem. Divers, by blowing air into their compensating vest, can regulate their buoyancy so they can be neutral at any depth.

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Frequently, the trip to the reef or wreck will be a long one. Seasick pills should be taken before setting sail, and on long trips taken again. It's always cooler on the water, so bring extra clothing. A blanket is also nice to have so you can stretch out on the deck. Plenty of food and drink will also help to revitalize yourself after the dive. A good "swig" of fruit juice before the dive will help retard dehydration which occurs when breathing dry compressed air. It will also make it harder for you to get the bends by increasing nitrogen transport throughout your body.

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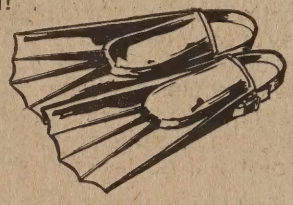

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Winterizing Your Outboard

by Frank Reiser

When the first warm breeze signals the start of the spring weakfish spawning run and **The Fisherman** is filled with photos of happy anglers holding showshoe flounders, the ardent fishermen will want to get out on the water fast! After a long winter of making rods and plugs, repairing reels and dreaming of the fishing season to come, one thing that can well be done without is carting the outboard off to a repair center and have it laid up during the spring rush.

Many early spring outboard problems can be avoided if proper procedures are followed when putting the engine to bed in the fall. If an outboard was running well in the fall one might readily assume, since no further wear would occur during the dormant months, that it would run equally well come spring. Unfortunately, it is during this time that corrosion and sludge will take its toll. Salt water that has leaked into the gear box, or other areas, has months to eat into metal parts. Gas left in the carburetor or fuel pump will form gooey layers of suffocating varnish. Unlubricated linkages may corrode and become unwieldy, and chemical by-products of combustion may etch internal parts. Winterizing an engine is a procedure designed to prevent the above calamities from happening, and the half of a Saturday afternoon invested is well worth it.

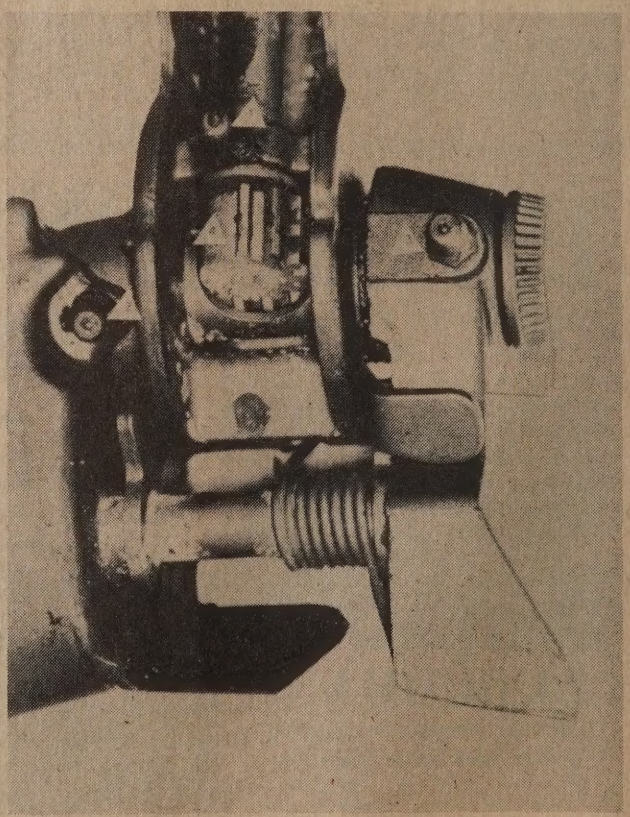
The first step to winterizing an outboard is best done in a test tank filled with fresh water. In this way any salt water left in the cooling system will be flushed out. If a barrel or test tank is not available, there are attachments that hook your garden hose to the cooling system of the outboard. These will allow you to run the engine out of water, but do not exceed half throttle. Start the engine and, while it is running, remove the shroud. Be very careful after the shroud has been removed as the spinning flywheel can inflict serious injury, particularly to anglers with long hair.

With the engine running at about half-throttle, squirt Marvel Mystery Oil, or a similar product, down the throat of the carburetor. Heavy blue smoke will be seen coming out of the exhaust, indicating that the oil is being drawn into the cylinders and burned. On smaller outboards, pump enough oil into the one or two carburetors to make the engine stall. Larger engines will create so much of a down draft that they are difficult to stall out in this way. In this latter case, cut the engine when heavy blue smoke is seen. With mulitple carburetor engines you must work quickly, or the oil that you have squirted into cylinder number 1 will be burned off by the time you reach cylinder number 4. With these outboards, two people squirting oil is a help.

Plenty of oil will be drawn into the engine to lubricate the cylinders, pistons, rings, valves, crankshaft and bearings. Do not disconnect the gas line while carrying out this procedure, as you usually do to run out the engine, or you will not know whether the engine stalled due to being flooded by oil or from running out of gas. In the latter case the gas and oil mixture becomes extremely lean prior to the engine cutting out. This creates a condition that will leave very little oil in the engine; it will have all burned out. This is something we don't want to do. Needless to say, this method of protection will oil-foul the plugs, and one should remember to replace them in the spring.

Next, remove the engine from the tank and place it on a stand. With the motor in an upright position, pull the starting rope slowly a few times and allow the water to drain from the cooling system. Pull off the spark plug wires before pulling the starter rope, to prevent any accidental starting. If it was to accidentally start, it would burn out the oil we just injected and the above process would have to be repeated.

Since the engine was stalled out rather than being allowed to run out the carburetor, fuel pump and lines are filled with gasoline. Gasoline left to stand for a lengthy period of time will form a varnish-like coat over the metal parts with which it is in contact. The varnish can seriously affect the operation of an outboard when it accumulates on the needle valves, leaf (reed) plate check valves, and float chambers. To drain the gasoline, remove the screw at the bottom of the float chamber on the carburetor. This screw acts as a plug and, when removed, the gasoline reserve in the carb will run out. The carburetor float bowl only holds a few ounces, so a rag held underneath will catch all of it. Tip the engine to ensure that all of the gas drains out. Leave the screw plug out until the rest of the fuel



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1, 2 and 3 Grease fittings on throttle shaft. Lubricate with grease gun.

4. Throttle shaft control gear, apply lubricant with finger.

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system has been drained.

Next drain the fuel pump, the type of which will vary with engine brand. The one pictured is the type commonly used on lower horsepower engines, but in principle is the same as those employed on higher horsepower outboards: they all operate with a diaphram operated by vacuum from the engine. The fuel pump can be easily found by following the gasoline line back from the carburetor.

To drain the gasoline from the fuel pump, remove the center screw from the fuel pump cover. When the cover is removed, gasoline will run out, so have a rag waiting beneath it. Wiggle the gas lines running to the carburetor and to the tank plug at the front of the engine to encourage the remaining gasoline to drain.

With the fuel pump cap removed, the fuel filter easily follows—if it hasn't already fallen out. The fuel filter is a piece of screen that fits into the fuel pump cap, followed by a cork gasket. The filter can be cleaned by squirting some Gum-Out or similar solvent through the screen. The dirt will accumulate on the fuel pump cap side of the screen, so squirt through from the other side. When you have finished you may blow these parts out but do not wipe the parts with a cloth, as any lint that is picked up may later accumulate in the carburetor jets. After replacing the screen, replace the cap and tighten the center screw. Now insert and tighten the drain plug screw in the bottom of the carburetor float bowl. Make sure it is tight, as outboard vibration has been known to do unusual things.

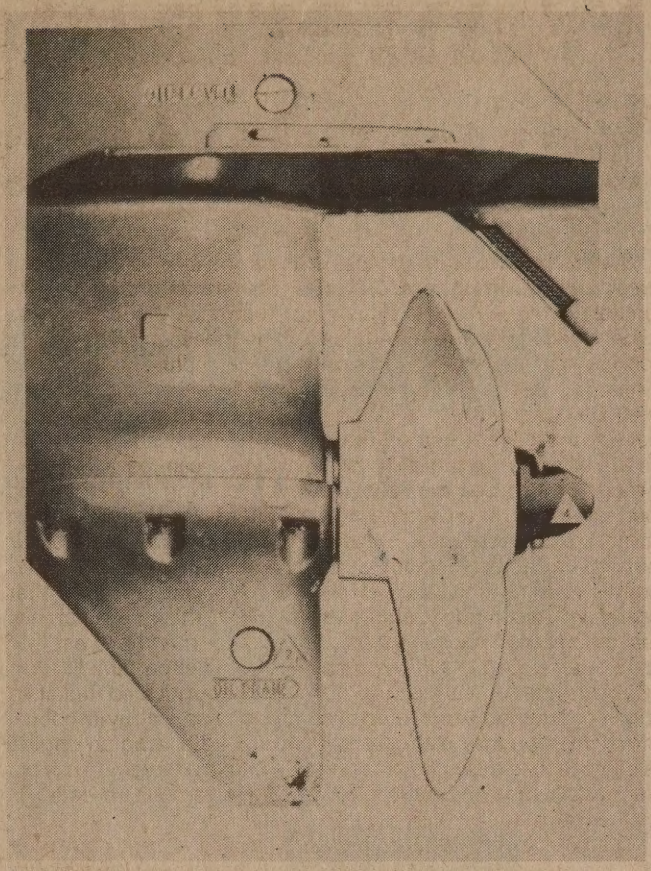
The gas line that runs from the gas tank to the engine must also be drained of gasoline. At both ends of this line is a ball and spring type valve that will hold the gasoline in the line all winter. To drain out this gas, insert a tooth pick into one end of the hose so that it pushes the ball back, thereby opening that end of the line. Repeat this procedure with the other end of the line, and when both valves are being held open, hold one end of the hose over your head. The gasoline will then run out.

Any gasoline left in the gas tank must have a gasoline stabilizer added to it or it will break down and gum up over the winter. I do not save gasoline but use it in my car. I have been assured by several mechanics that a few gallons of 50:1 oil-mixed gasoline once a year will not cause any fouling. If you have a built in tank, however, getting the gasoline out can be a problem. Gasoline stabilizers, such as OMC 2+4 Fuel Conditioner, are available at Marine dealers. Stabilizers are added to the gasoline at a ration of ½-ounce per gallon of gasoline and are effective in preserving the gasoline.

Lubricating your outboard engine prior to storing it for the winter is of extreme importance. Lubrication is necessary not only to reduce wear and to allow for the easy operation of moving parts, but also to prevent corrosion. If your outboard were to be stored for the winter and its lubrication left for the spring, corrosion would have many months to take its deadly toll. So, while winterizing your engine, keep your eyes open for any sign of corrosion or electrolysis. If you find any, it should be cleaned up with fine emory paper and the area covered with a thin film of grease to prevent its reoccurrence.

The first step in lubricating your outboard is to pump grease into the grease fittings found in various places. An inexpensive grease gun that can be purchased at any of the discount stores is very useful for lubricating these parts; the correct grease should be purchased at your outboard dealer. Several people have told me that they successfully use automobile grease. Frankly, I cannot see why it should be used. The amount of money that you have to spend in order to buy the proper lubricant is small when compared to the value of the motor you are servicing. An outboard engine uses such a small amount of lubricating during the season that I, for one, certainly want to treat it to the best, a lubricant designed to hold up against the ravages of salt water.

Two or three grease nipples are usually found on the throttle shaft and idle speed adjustment knob. Two are usually present for the shift levers, one under the shroud and one external.



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The swivel bracket also has two or more grease fittings. When lubricating these fittings don't be stingy. Pump the grease in until you see it oozing out the joints or along the shafts. In this way old grease, which may have become contaminated with abrasive or corrosive substances during the past season, is forced out. The excess grease is then wiped off with a towel.

All moving parts should be lubricated with Type A lubricant. This can be applied by finger to particular places such as the throttle linkages. With the shroud removed, operate the throttle while watching how the mechanism works. Wherever you see moving parts, apply lubricant and continue to operate the throttle so that the grease is worked into the mechanism. Lubricate all moving parts between the throttle control and the throttle linkages on the carburetor. On the carburetor, lubricate the choke mechanism by operating the manual choke and applying grease to the moving parts with your finger. If the engine is equipped with an electric choke, also lubricate the solenoid linkages.

Inspect the engine and apply grease to any other moving parts that you find except the fly wheel and pinion gear (the gear that engages the fly wheel for the starting of the engine). Any grease applied to the fly wheel will probably spin off while the engine is running, making a mess under the shroud. On manual start engines the pinion gear, if lubricated, will attract

dirt and consequently will cause the gear to bind on its shaft. So, DO NOT LUBRICATE! A thin film of lubricant should be applied to the tilt adjustment, the friction ratchet (on the tilt shaft), the clamp screws, the shallow water bracket, and the shroud latch.

Next, with the motor in an upright position, remove the two screw plugs in the gearcase that are marked "oil drain" and "oil level". The gearcase lubricant will now run out, so have a pan underneath. Allow plenty of time for the oil to completely drain out; and examine the recovered oil for any traces of water. Droplets of water in the gearcase oil indicate bad sealing of the gearcase. If there is any sign of water in the gearcase oil the engine should be brought to a repair shop for servicing. Salt water in the gearcase lubricant will eventually wreak havoc with the gears and shifting mechanism. If caught early, however you will save a very expensive repair job later.

To refill the gearcase, purchase the gearcase lubricant in a filler-type plastic tube. Consult your owner's manual for the type of lubricant to purchase, as there are three types—depending on the nature of the shifting mechanism. Insert the open end of the tube of lubricant into the lower of the two holes. Squeeze the tube to force the oil into the gearcase until the oil is even with the oil level hole. Replace the oil level hole screw plug (top one). By replacing this plug

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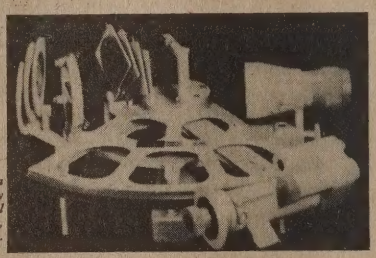

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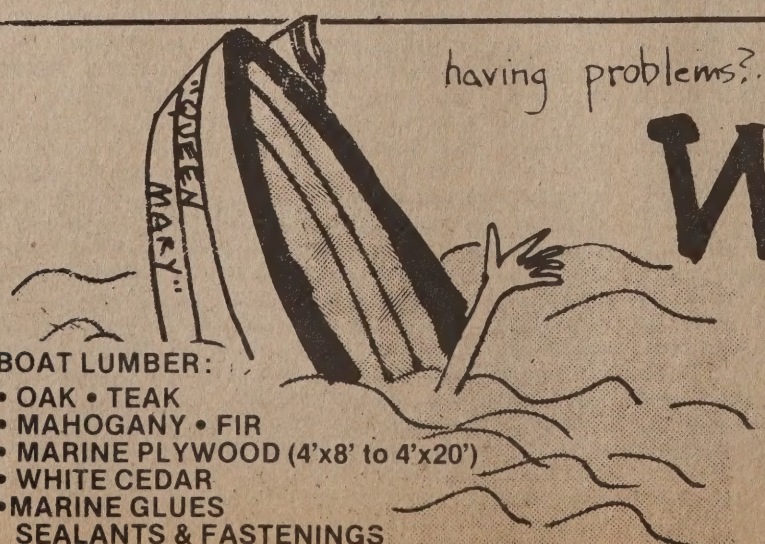

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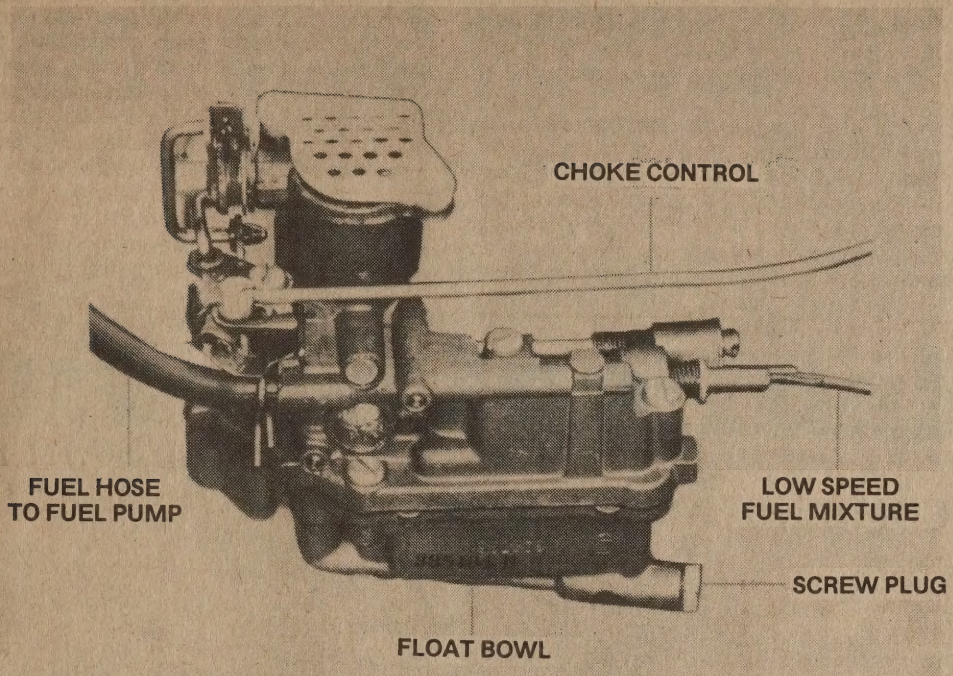

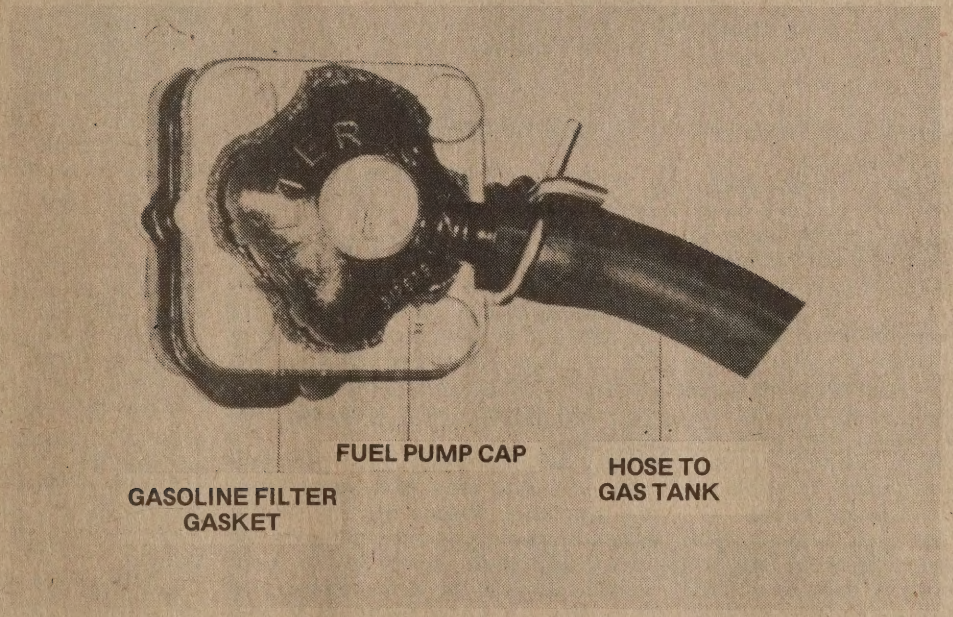

first, air will not be able to enter the gearcase from the top. When the oil can is removed from the lower hole, the upper plug will prevent the oil from running out until the lower oil drain screw plug is replaced. Tighten both screw plugs and wipe off any excess oil.

This is a good time to inspect the propeller for damage, although it may be bent so slightly as to be undetectable to the unaided eye. To remove the propeller, first remove the cotter pin and then the propeller nut. The propeller will now slip off if pulled evenly with both hands. On lower horsepower and older engines a shear pin or drive pin causes the propeller to rotate with the propeller shaft. Inspect this pin, or better yet, invest 20 cents and replace it. If you suspect the propeller may have been bent, take it with you when you go to your dealer to purchase the lubricants, O rings, etc., and have him inspect it. While you're there, pick up a few extra shear pins to carry in your tackle box. If you should strike a hard object with your propeller some day, you'll need them to get home. Replace the propeller by reversing the above procedure after lubricating the propeller shaft with type A grease. This is insurance against the propeller freezing to the shaft during the season's use.

When winter has ended and the first spring run of fish begins, all that you will need to do is replace your spark plugs and inspect the oil drain hole for leakage (there shouldn't be any).

An engine properly taken care of will give years of dependable service. Careful winterizing is part of this proper care.

Late Season Bass Trolling

by Ron Onorato

It wasn't a very pleasant day. The stiff northwest wind had created quite a chop that made trolling very difficult. It was the second week of November and George Oliver and myself were trolling umbrella rigs in 45 feet of water off Atlantic Beach. At the outset of the trip, I was all set for a go at the newly arrived schools of codfish, but George thought otherwise. Only a few days ago, impressive catches of school and slightly larger bass had been racked up by trollers.

The paper recorder marked loads of fish at the twenty foot level, so we started out with 175 and 200 feet of wire with two umbrella rigs. Some 5 minutes into the first troll, one of the outfits sounded off. From the amount of line taken off on the first run, it felt like a decent fish. It turned out to be a double header of 12 pound blues. We marked the trolling pattern with shore ranges, and made the same troll again. Both outfits sounded off this time. Three more nice sized blues came aboard.

I suggested that we troll a little deeper in an effort to get down past the blues. Usually blues are found at higher levels than bass. We strummed out 225 feet of wire on each outfit and began the trolling pattern again.

The first troll resulted in no hits so we took in another 25 feet. This turned the trick as both outfits sounded off minutes into the next troll. In short order two bass of about 8 pounds each came up. Resuming the same pattern, another brace of bass came aboard, this time out of the fish hit the 20 pound range.

We worked the area rather consistently and managed at least one bass and a couple of bluefish on each pass. Both the bass and blues were concentrated in a pretty small area. Once into the region, you had fish, before and after there was nothing. These fish had stayed in one area for most of the day, apparently working over a pod of sand eels. A final tally of the day's work resulted in 28 bass from 5 to 25 pounds and a load of big alligators to 15 pounds. As it later turned out, these fish were trolled off Atlantic Beach for another week, and school bass were trolled off Ambrose Channel through the last week of November.

As has been the case for the past several seasons, the fisherman that fishes longer into the year usually ends up with much better fishing. A pattern seems to be emerging, and the fisherman willing to put up the extra time in will be amazed at the results.

Author with a cow bass trolled off the south shore.

A look at the past several years indicates that some of the best fishing for bass and bluefish has been found in the month of November, whereby the traditional month of October has seen only fair fishing, with both bait and artificials.

Why has the season been progressively extending itself each year? There are two basic reasons for this. Water temperature and bait availability are the keys to consistent fishing. After a long, sluggish summer the water temperature is usually in the low seventies or high sixties. It takes a good northeast storm with its associated winds and cooler temperatures to get the bait supply such as bunkers, mullets, and sand eels moving.

Usually by mid September, there is a northeast blow and the first supply of fishing activity begins. If the weather that follows is mild or seasonably cool with plenty of westerly winds, the water temperature will only gradually drop a degree or two. After the first spurt, the bait remains in the same area and the bass with them. What happens then is a very gradual migration of both bait and fish.

On the other hand if the weather is stormy and there are a lot of northeast winds and cooler temperatures, the bait and bass gang up quickly and the full scale migration may start anywhere in October. There will be fast fishing for awhile and then taper off as the main slug of fish whiz through.

What this region has been experiencing for the past few years is the mild fall with the slow migration of fish. The main slug of fish that should be down the beaches by the end of October is now holding off until the middle of November.

Using last fall as an example, you can see the routine developing. There were a few northeast blows in early and mid September. This started the residential bass of many south shore bays and beaches on a bit of feeding flurry that carried into the beginning of October. After that the fishing was quiet for the next couple of weeks. Some stormy weather late in October finally got the bait moving and the best bass fishing of the year was to be had the first two weeks of November.

Montauk Point presents the perfect example of the late season fishing. It used to be that some of the best bass fishing occurred around mid October. Now the best bass fishing doesn't start

until the end of the month with early November the peak time.

It's hard to make a general statement about fishing for conditions always can change, but I look for another late season this year. This year there has been a lot more bait in the area than usual. Large schools of spearing and sand eels have been reported. I even saw the first batches of tinker mackerel in the Sound for quite some time. Only the large schools of bunker that have been so common seem to be down a bit this year.

As long as the bait sticks around, so will the fish. I have seen bunkers stay around as late as mid November and sand eels even later.

Unlike the mid season fishing when the bass are rather sluggish feeders, there late season fish are definitely on the feed, and they take a bait in a most vigorous manner.

If the fish are feeding on large baitfish such as bunkers and mullets, then your best bet is to troll with bunker spoons and big swimming plugs. The giant Danny swimming plug and the Atom 40 are by far the best plugs to use. You can also cast with these plugs, though they work best at night.

When the fish are feeding on small baits such as spearing or sand eels use the umbrella rig. Last year, the purple color tubes were devastating both at Montauk and along the south shore.

Where to bass fish in these dwindling days of fall is merely a matter of convenience. I try to set my vacation up for the end of October and extend it through the month of November. I will spend a couple of days at Montauk Point. As the fish move down the beach, I will troll for them off Long Beach and Atlantic Beach. After the fish move out locally I get my last licks at them off Sandy Hook and Monmouth Beaches off Jersey.

Don't always think that these late run fish are always school bass. More 50 pound plus bass were trolled off the Long Beach area in the first week of November than in the entire month of October. And every fall a few bass in the 20's and 30's are laid side to side with the codfish taken from the same rips.

In this type of fishing, it's just a matter of forgetting what the calendar says and looking at current fishing conditions. A dependable boat, a good depth recorder and a little common sense is all that you need for an enjoyable and productive day on the water. Long gone are the summer crowds; indeed you are hard pressed to find more than a handful of boats on the water at any one time. Many have already laid up their boats for the winter, not realizing that some of the best fishing has yet to come.

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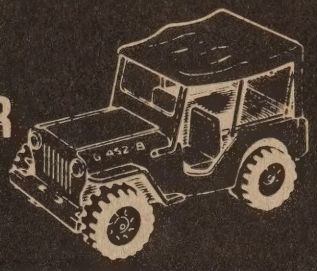

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The Hickory Shad

by Herb Buch

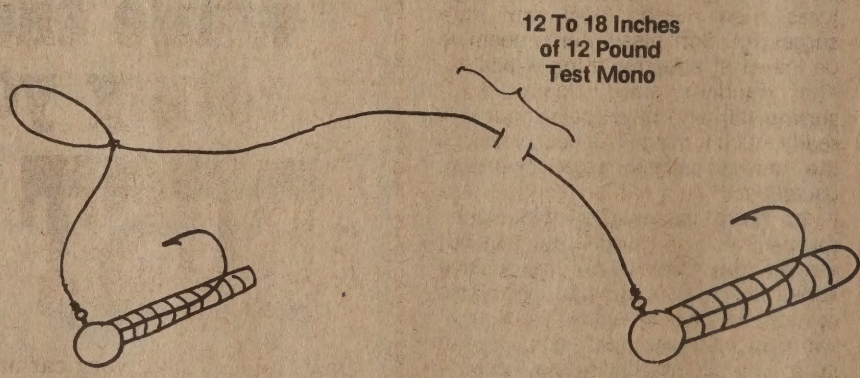
How would you like to try for a fish that jumps like a tarpoon, takes artificial lures near the surface, and fights as well as a weakfish or a striper? Most people call them herring but their true name is Hickory Shad, and they are excellent light tackle gamefish. Since their average size is between one and two pounds, you should use a fresh water outfit for maximum enjoyment. They can be caught on heavy tackle, and they will give as much fun as any small fish, but, they like the weakfish, are easily lost when played with stiff rods.

There are many herrings in our local waters at various times of the year. Many fisherman downgrade them because they contain lots of bones which can be a problem when eating them. Other fishermen pickle them, bake them slowly to soften the bones, or bone the larger specimens, and find them delicious to eat. Many times I fish for them just for fun, and release them carefully to fight again for someone else. The only member of the family which is not enjoyed as food by humans is the Manhaden or Mossbunker, which is very oily, yet this member of the group is probably the most eagerly sought after by the fishing fraternity for use as a live bait, cut bait, or for chum.

If you fish our south shore bays very much you have probably caught some of these fish. The Hickory Shad are the second largest member of the local herrings. The largest is the American Shad. The American Shad is rarely caught in local waters except in the Hudson River where it is present in commercial quantity. There are rumors of occasional American Shad being caught in two of our Long Island streams, but I have no solid information to offer.

Collins' Field Guide to American Wildlife says that the Hickory is the only shad with five or six dark spots behind the gill cover. You won't have much trouble identifying them because they are the only deep bodied local herring that you are likely to catch from the beaches or jetties. Sea Herring are also abundant locally but are usually only caught during the winter. They are also easy to recognize because their bodies are not as deep, they do not have the spots, and they are almost always smaller than the Hickories.

A typical shad from Jones Inlet



Hickories may be an occasional catch at any season, but they are very abundant at certain times. A survey by the New York State Conservation Department found them to be very common in the Fire Island surf during the months of May and June, but "rarely caught by anglers." (Species of fish in surf waters of Long Island—New York Fish and Game Journal, January 1967) I have been in the surf near Democrat Point in June, when these fish were breaking water as far as I could see in both directions. I have seen the same thing inside Fire Island Inlet in October. In spite of this abundance very few of these fish are caught by hook and line fishermen.

The main reason for this lack of angling success is that extremely small lures are often a necessity in order to get any hits at all, even when the fish are swarming. When the Hickories are feeding on bait fish they

will take the type of small spoon commonly used for snappers, but when they are feeding on shrimp or other small crustaceans the average fisherman will be at a loss. Very few fishermen are carrying snapper spoons at the times when Hickories are abundant. (My best luck comes during October and November).

My favorite rigs are either a fresh water spin outfit, which has a relatively limited casting range or a seven foot, six ounce, light salt water rod with a Daiwa 2400 loaded with eight pound line. The second rod can really reach out and can throw lures up to an ounce in weight if larger gamefish show up.

Hickory Shad are very often scattered and feeding singly over large areas. You could wear yourself out casting before you got a single fish. You have to find a concentration point, and that is usually a place where bait gathers in the slack water of a rip. I look for Hickories in the inlets on the south shore in October and November. They seem to concentrate wherever bait is thick and they hit best at dawn or in the late afternoon or evening. Outgoing tide is my favorite although any tide can be productive.

The fish may be abundant, and show no signs on the surface, yet at other times they break water constantly. If you have the right lure it does not matter if they are showing or not. I have given up the small spoon lures even though they are often successful. Soft plastic lures seem to be the most effective thing available. The standard sized "salty dog" shrimp will work on occasion, but it is really much too big. The best lures are the midget sized plastic shrimp usually sold on a one sixteenth ounce head. Two of these rigged as shown on my diagram will murder the fish but are difficult to cast. An inexpensive substitute that I use when long casts are needed or it is windy, consists of two quarter ounce lead heads rigged as in the diagram. On the hooks I thread one and one half inch sections of transparent yellow or fluorescent red plastic worms. The fish love them. In an emergency, the standard weakfish salty dog with its tail clipped off will take some fish.

Cast these rigs out and while holding the rod tip high, reel slowly and raise and lower the tip slightly to produce an erratic retrieve. The fish hit lightly but very fast, and good reflex are needed. Don't worry if you miss a hit, it is not unusual to have two or three hits on one retireve. When you hook one, you will also be hooked, on a game fighter who deserves some of your time..

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Ling Fishing

by Matt Ahern

It happened long ago, but I can easily recall my first trip aboard a party boat. I also remember the kind of fish I caught that day. They were big, pot-bellied ling, caught on a drop-line near the old Ambrose Lightship.

In those days, ling were extremely plentiful. They are still plentiful today.

One of the nice things about ling is that they are easy to catch, seemingly always willing to cooperate with the angler. Find the ling's feeding ground which is easy, and the fisherman can catch all his conscience will allow.

To my way of thinking, ling are the silver lining in the proverbial dark cloud, as they are often sought as a back-stop when other fish put on the finicky act. Many local party boat skippers will agree that ling have come through in a pinch more than once to save the day. To these enterprising captains, ling are like money in the bank.

Being a cool-water fish, you'll find few ling during summer's heat unless the fishing is done far offshore. But when mid-October arrives, fishermen begin to pick up a few around the offshore wrecks while blackfishing. It isn't until November, though, that ling fishermen begin to see substantial increases in their catches.

Many party boats specialize in ling fishing and they do a great deal of it on mud and gravel bottom, but ling can also be found around sunken wrecks, offshore banks, and rocky ledges. But for the fisherman on his own, the easiest places to find ling are on open bottom, such as around Ambrose Light Tower. The deep water around the old Scotland Light area is also productive.

Fishing over various wrecks and banks, such as the Cholera, is often best in late spring and early summer, so stick to open bottom in the fall for best results.

Incidentally, to locate ling hot-spots secure a chart of the area you intend fishing and study it. Look for areas marked mud, gravel or silt in water ranging from sixty to ninety feet. There you will find ling, often accompanied by whiting.

As can be seen from this, most ling fishing is done in fairly deep water, so it's best to use a medium-weight boat rod. Some fishermen use their cod tackle, but it isn't necessary. Don't use spinning tackle of any kind. It can't possibly overcome the sinker weight needed, plus the current-caused belly in the line at these depths. Be assured you will hook few ling with this tackle.

Fill a matching revolving-spool reel with at least 100 yards of 20 to 30 pound test monofilament. Thirty pound is preferred in the fall. You can get by without a star drag, if you wish; ling aren't the greatest fighters in the world, except when caught in shallow water during springtime.

As ling seem always hungry, they won't hesitate to seize a bait the instant it reaches bottom. The average is about two pounds, double-headers are common, and the water deep. This keeps the fisherman busy hauling fish to the surface, so be certain the reel is built to do the job. Don't spoil your day with inferior tackle.

Selecting the correct ling hook is no problem. My favorite is a Sproat in size 3/0 or 4/0. If you have long-shanked hooks of this size, you can use them, but I believe hooking is much easier with the shorter-shanked Sproats.

When fishing open bottom, two hooks should be tandem-tied and placed two inches above a sinker of suitable weight. Cod and occasional pollack are often found on these grounds in November, and the smart fisherman will place a 5/0 Sproat about three feet above the sinker.

I can't tell you the exact weight sinker to use. Line size, strength of current, whether or not you are drifting or fishing at anchor, all play a part in this selection, but usually you can get by with one of eight ounces. Remember, the lighter the line, within reason of course, the less weight needed to hold bottom. Experiment. It may be possible under certain conditions to use a sinker of six ounces. The less weight used, the greater will be the fish's resistance.

It isn't necessary to use three-way swivels. I use two-inch dropper loops made with double-overhand knots. I know how much has been written about these knots cutting through the line, but if you make sure to tighten them slowly, allowing the knot to seat properly, they won't cause any trouble while ling fishing. If you would rather use three-way swivels for the convenience they offer, be sure to use none smaller than 4/0.

When ling fishing, you'll never find bait a problem. Ling are greedy feeders and will accept just about anything available. Sliced skimmer clam is most often used, but squid strips three inches long and a half-inch wide can always be depended upon to produce. Should you be fishing where larcenous bergalls are bothersome, use a strip of this pest. Ling go for it in a big way and its use will cut down on the amount of time spent rebaiting.

When baiting with skimmer, use medium-sized pieces and be sure to slice so some of the soft belly remains intact. It is important to allow this to trail in the current as this is the part all clam-eating fish relish. Weave the hook through the meat twice and let the point protrude for surer hooking.

When anchored over known ling ground and the fish don't respond immediately, chumming with skimmer will bring them to you. Be careful here, though, as chumming is an art. If done improperly, it can defeat its own purpose.

Never chum with small pieces of bait and broken shells when ling fishing in deep water. Not only will the chum drift too far before hitting bottom to do any good, but the fish will be too far away to notice your baited hooks as they busily chase these drifting tid-bits along the bottom You'll be feeding them, but you won't be catching them.

The best method is to bat whole skimmers overboard as the professionals do when codfishing. It will take a little practice to hit them dead-center everytime, but you'll get it. These cracked skimmers, being heavy, will hit bottom close by your hooks and will set the ever-hungry ling on the prowl for more. Once this sudden windfall is discovered, you'll have no trouble catching all the ling you could possibly want.

Wreck fishing for ling isn't recommended in the fall. You'll find more on open bottom, but if you'd like to give it a try, do it this way:

Chumming isn't necessary as these fishing areas are usually small when compared to open bottom and what ling are available will be found directly under the boat. It's best to dispense

with the tandem-rig, as quite often the extra hook will foul. Place one hook two inches above the sinker and the second eighteen inches above it. Not only will this prevent tangling, but cod and pollack often cruise around these wrecks and they will quickly seize this high hook. Use any of the recommended baits.

When fishing open bottom, it's a good idea to drift whenever possible. Doing so allows you to find the heaviest concentrations of ling in a given area. This knowledge can be used for future trips as ling will stay in a good feeding area for months. You can drop a marker buoy overboard when the first fish are caught and anchor near it and save fuel, or you can run back, making repeated drifts over the same area near the buoy. Either way will assure you fish.

Ling are soft-fleshed and should be cleaned soon as possible, especially so if the day is mild. It's best to do the job on the way in when everything is easily disposed of by feeding the gulls. You'll also find fish much better when washed thoroughly in sea water.

Fortunately for the fisherman, cleaning ling is a snap.

Ling scales are easily removed. You'll find the fin rays soft and there is no problem with sharp spines. A half-dozen passes over each fish with a good scaler and you've got that chore completed.

Next, stick a sharp, pointed knife through the sides of the fish beginning at the pectoral fin located near the gill cover and angle-slice through the gut cavity to the vent. Cut off the head and entrails will be removed along with it. With proficiency, it will take about ten seconds per ling. Wash and allow to drain for a few minutes.

Never place fish in a plastic bag, even in cold weather. Fish, especially ling, need proper drainage to arrive home in good condition. Use a cotton or similar porous-type bag and keep cool as possible.

You'll be glad you took these precautions, for ling are delicious eating. The meat is white and flaky, much like the cod's. If you have a deep-freeze, don't hesitate to put some away. They keep well for a long time and suffer little loss of flavor.

You'll be glad you became interested in the ling, and I'm sure that like me, you, too, will remember the day you caught your first ling.

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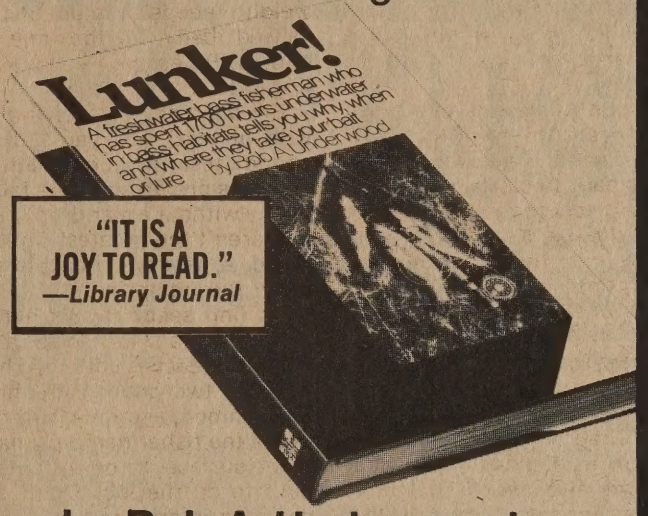
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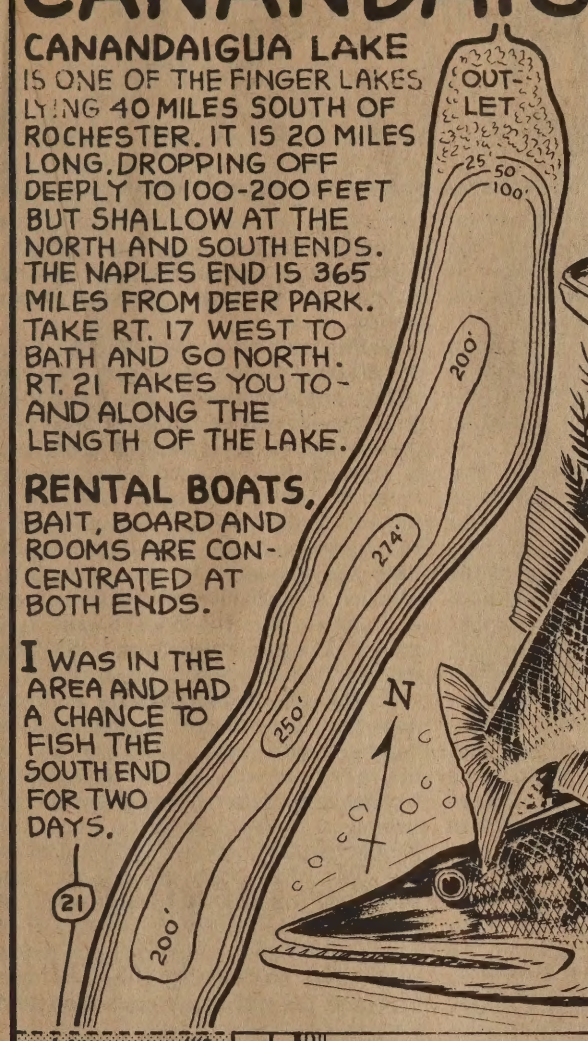

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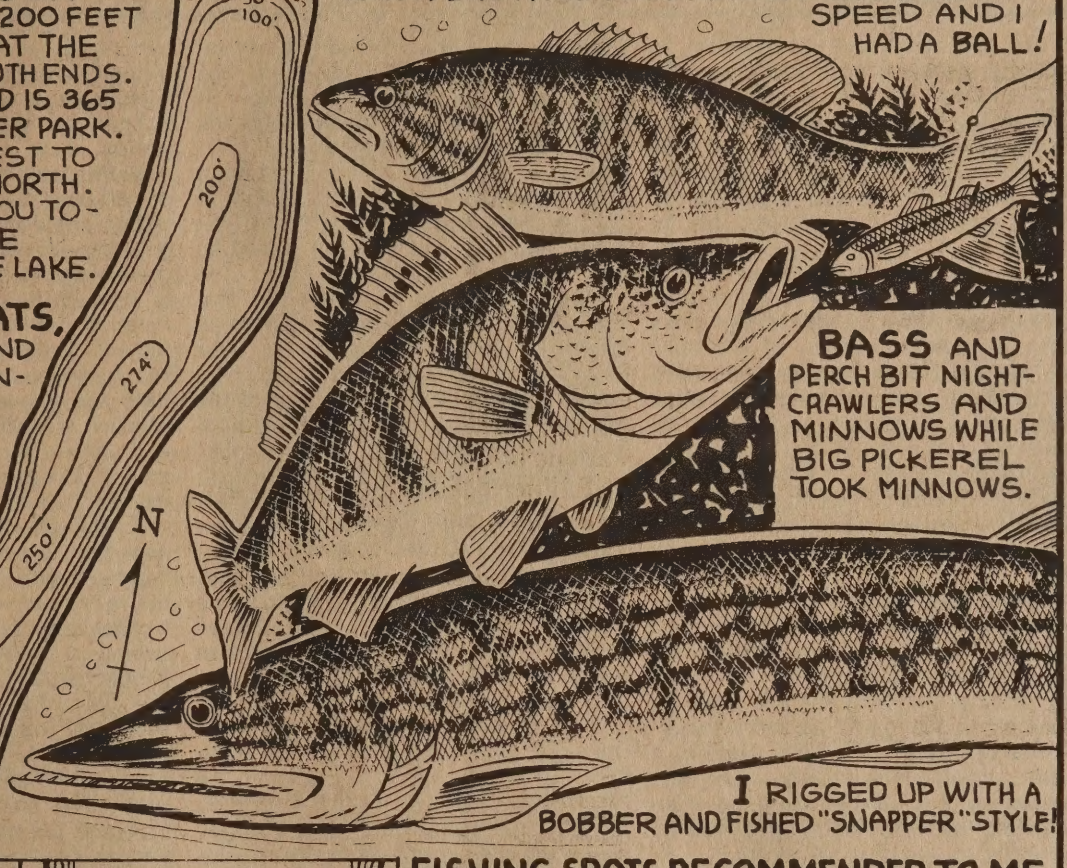

BASS AND PERCH BIT NIGHT-CRAWLERS AND MINNOWS WHILE BIG PICKEREL TOOK MINNOWS.

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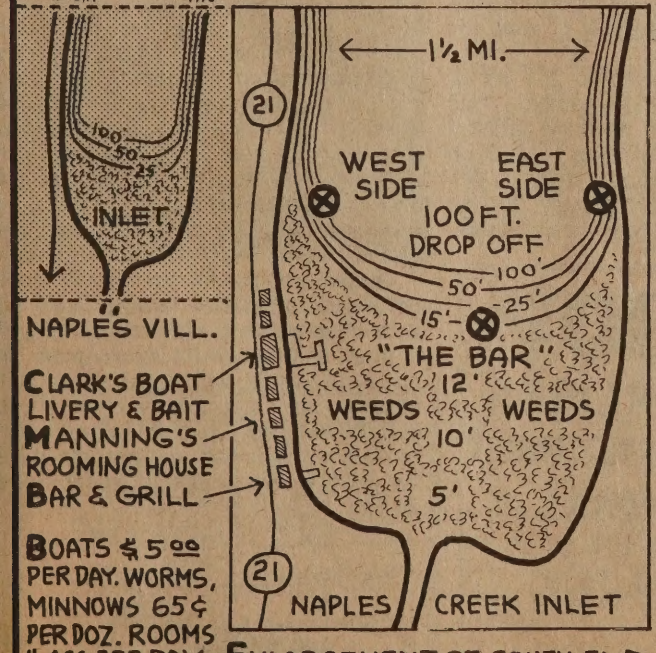

ENLARGEMENT OF SOUTH END OF LAKE WHERE I FISHED.

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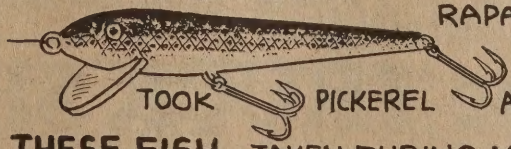

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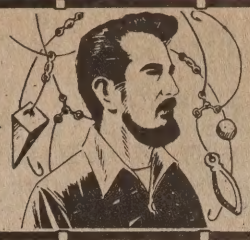


THE BOTTOM LINE

with Scott Simons

The Art of Netting & Gaffing Fish

The last and most crucial part in catching a fish comes when you are ready to land him. You've finally hooked that lunker bass, doormat fluke, tide-runner weakfish or giant cod and have got him to the boat. Dilemma: how do you get him out of the water and into the boat? You have two choices: net or gaffing.

Many trophy fish are lost each season by inexperienced anglers using improper netting techniques. In the last few years the remarkable comeback of the fluke and the weakfish to our waters has made the landing net a necessity to inshore fishing trips. These two species must be netted, regardless of size. Weakfish received their name from their structurally weak mouths. If you attempt to lift a weakfish into the boat, you'll end up with an empty hook more times than fish.

The same goes for fluke, which are often only lip-hooked, and often have the habit of spitting the hook right at the boat. Small fluke under 14" are protected under state law and must be returned to the water, as every fisherman should know by now. Netting a small fluke, if properly executed, normally will do no harm to it, so when released, the fluke stands a good chance of surviving.

Landing nets come in many sizes and shapes, but all are basically the same. An all-around net for a small boat should be at least 24" wide at the rim and 36" deep in the net. A long handle is much preferred over a short one but often creates a storage problem in a small boat. This problem can be remedied by purchasing a net with a collapsible handle, or by putting the net in a vertical rod holder for easy access. It is also advisable to get a net that will float in case it is accidently dropped into the water.

There is only one proper way to net a fish: head first. The net should be set in the water and the fish slowly led into the net—head first. Then the net should be lifted quickly.

A couple of "do's" and "don't's" that will save you more than a few botched up netting attempts...DO loosen up your drag a bit before attempting to net a fish. When you have a lot of line out at the beginning of a battle, the fish must fight a certain amount of elasticity in your line. When you are ready to net the fish, your line is very short and you lose this advantage. When the fish makes that inevitable last run when he sees the net, you want to be sure he doesn't pop your line. Also, if the angle of the rod to fish is severe, (causing greater friction between line and rod), this will greatly increase the effect of the drag. If the fish surges, this drag can break your line or rod tip.

DON'T grab the leader! This often happens when a second party is doing the netting for you. By grabbing the leader you have given the fish something solid to pull against and he can quickly throw the hook. It can also badly cut your fingers (if the fish is large) or snap the leader.

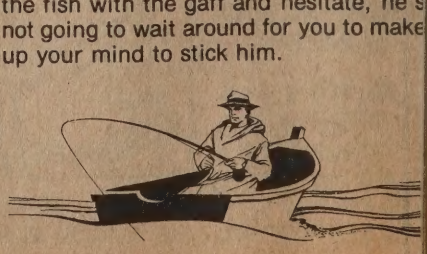
Many fishermen consider the art of gaffing fish a little more exacting than netting a fish. It can be more difficult since, if not properly done, you often only get one shot at a fish. While the fish you net rarely exceed 10 pounds, the fish you gaff often weigh considerably more. Fish that are normally gaffed include the striped bass, bluefish, codfish, pollack, tilefish and of course, the many species of shark and big game fish found in our waters.

Gaffing techniques vary with the type of gaff used (strike, hook or flying), the gaffer (the fisherman), and the gaffee (the fish). The strike gaff is nothing more than a large nail in a piece of wood, and is very effective on school stripers and bluefish that are brought astern of a moving boat. This gaff is popular with the charter boats when trolling blues and bass, but should be left to the experts. The fish are actually "hit" with the gaff and yanked into the boat in one easy motion. The inexperienced will "hit" the fish off the hook more times than not.

A hook gaff is simply a large, barbless hook that is permanently attached to a handle. A gaff with a three inch bite to the hook, and with a three or four foot handle, is sufficient for most small boat fishing. A leather loop at the end of the handle helps to maintain a tight grip on the gaff. The hook should be kept extremely (repeat, extremely) sharp at all times, and free of rust. Good gaffs of this type can be purchased at any tackle shop at a modest price, or you can purchase the gaff hook separately and fashion a gaff of your own.

The flying gaff is used for sharks and other big game fish. It consists of a very large gaff hook that is attached to a long shaft. The hook has a length of rope attached to it. When the fish is struck with the gaff, the head is detached from the shaft and the fish is fought on the hook at the end of the rope until it calms down enough to be tail-roped and made secure.

To gaff a fish with the normal hook gaff, place the gaff in the water, hook up and aim at the belly of the fish. The gaff is lifted sharply with a strong pull. Do not thrust down with the gaff as this tends to knock a fish off the hook. Try to gaff the fish with a "snap". If you touch the fish with the gaff and hesitate, he's not going to wait around for you to make up your mind to stick him.



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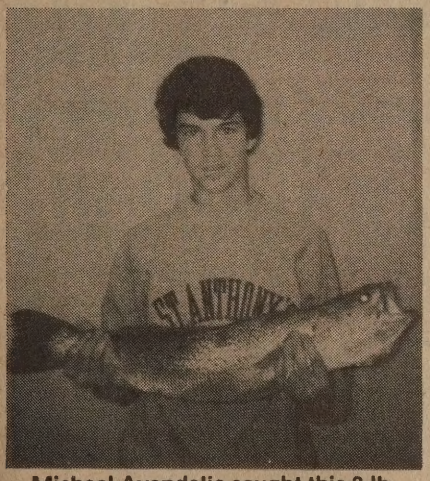
Captain Warren Hader of the charterboat **Devilfish** said that the bluefishing is still so good that the bass fishing is suffering. On Sunday morning 76 blues to 22 lbs. 4 oz. were taken trolling umbrella rigs while 5 bass up to 26 pounds managed to find their way through the bluefish. The afternoon trip was even better with 23 bass and 40 bluefish. Warren said that the diamond jiggers had been doing very good on the bass.

Captain John Sweetman of the **Ebb Tide** told us that there were loads and loads of bluefish still being taken and the bass fishing is not as good as it should be. Bass are being taken with the bluefish every day, however, with some days seeing a 50/50 bass/blue ratio. The water is still very warm and it will take a good cold snap to move the bluefish out. Trolling bucktails and umbrella rigs is producing fish all over the Point area. Birds are working every direction you look. John also noted that those using diamond jigs have been doing very good.



Michael Avondolio caught this 8 lb. weakfish from the surf on a yellow darter at Montauk under the light. Subscriber Club Photo.

Maurice Mahler of Baldwin and a member of the East Bay Anglers with his 20 lb. blue and 17 lbs. bass caught at Montauk on a Lupo Almighty Squid. Subcriber Club Photo.

Captain Frank Pike of the **Leatherneck** said that there are loads of bluefish being taken with a few bass underneath them. The water is still warm and every one out east is looking for a cold snap. Big bluefish are being taken by the box full in the whole point area. Bucktails have been producing the most bass.

Captain Ron Grandinetti of the charterboat **Julie II** and a party of three on Sunday caught 208 bluefish up to 13 pounds and 4 bass up to 10 pounds fishing the Pollack Rip and the Elbow off the Point on diamond jigs.

Local striped bass specialist **John DeMaio** called to tell us that Frank DePoalo and Bob Fertucci and himself took 110 stripers up to 28 lbs. casting bucktails two nights during the week. John is taking out 2 and 3 man charters for striped bass using bucktails and diamond jigs.

Capt. Buddy Dorman called to tell us that this Thursday he will start sailing at 7 A.M. for striped bass on diamond jigs and bucktails in the rips around the Point. Last year Buddy started this new open boat method of taking striped bass and received tremendous cooperation from both the bass and anglers. Big bluefish are also taken with the bass and in a few weeks cod will also be mixed in with the catch. If you do most of your

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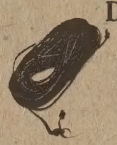

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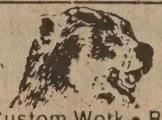

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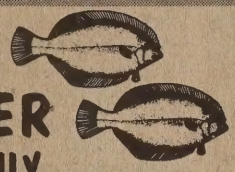
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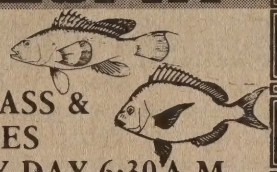
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Captain Dick Rade of the **Marlin III** called to tell us that porgy fishing has been excellent in the Block Island area with average catches of 75 to 100 fish a man including seabass and blackfish, despite what the Long Island Fisherman printed last week. We apologize for the typographical error that said "Hopefully the porgies will be gone and the bass fishing will begin". The word "Porgies" should have read "Bluefish". The water is still warm and the porgy fishing should continue for at least another 2 or 3 weeks. On Sunday John Manchio of the Bronx was high hook with 118 fish.

Captain Fred Bird of the **Flying Cloud** said that the porgy fishing has been excellent with plenty of nice fish up to 3½ pounds being taken drifting and anchoring at Great Eastern. The fishing has been the finest kind with bluefish, seabass, and blackfish mixed in with the catch. Fred expects the fishing to hold up a good 2 or 3 more weeks.

Captain Dusty of the **Little Bear** has also been murdering big porgies, seabass, bluefish and an occasional blackfish at Great Eastern.

Captain Lester Behan of the **Peconic Queen II** said that the codfishing has not been too good but the bluefishing at night has been terrific. Inshore and offshore Cartwright is producing terrific catches of monster blues 14-20 lbs. Plenty of dogfish are moving into the area so the fall run of codfish is not too far away.

Henry Colombi of the **Star Island Yacht Club** called to tell us what their boats are doing. On Thursday the "Pasha" rook a 59¼ lb. striper on a John Sekora big amber tube trolling under the Light in the afternoon. The "Blackjack" was offshore Thursday and took 6 blue sharks up to 240 lbs. Five were released. On Friday, they took 4 blue sharks up to 205 lbs. The boat also had a white shark on for over an hour that was estimated to be about 400 lbs. This fishing was 190 degrees 30 miles out. The "Hi-Lee" had 55 blues and 6 bass up to 15 lbs. trolling umbrella rigs and bucktails on Sunday. The "Four of Diamonds" took 35 blues and 18 bass up to 20 lbs. on parachute rigs. The "R. Pleasure" and the "Friendship" murdered the blackfish at Outer Shagwong up to 8 lbs. on green crabs. All boats are loading up on bluefish and a few bass.

PROMISED LAND

Art Brand of the **Promised Land Fishing Station** said that the bad weather out east wiped out the weekend for his boats but they were still catching porgies, blackfish and bluefish off Gardiners Island during the week. Flounder fishing is still slow but should start picking up very soon. An occasional striped bass was mixed in with the bluefish working on top all over the area.

SAG HARBOR

Ed at **Noyac Marina** said that the flounders have been starting pretty good in the local creeks but the bay itself has been pretty empty of fish.

SHINNECOCK

Hank at **Altenkirch Tackle** said that there has been slow picking on striped bass but those being caught from the beaches are huge. Blackfish has been very good in Peconic Bay and in Shinnecock Canal. Flounder fishing has been good in Shinnecock Bay with a few being taken in the canal. Not too many bluefish are around.

The **Captain Clark Boats** have been doing excellent on blackfish up to 9 lbs. fishing their secret wrecks. Many of the fish being taken are in the 6 and 7 lb. class. Green crabs are best bait, fiddlers placing.

MORICHES BAY

Larry at **L&M Marine** said that Tom Leitch took striped bass of 30, 32, and 36 pounds drifting live eels in the inlet on outgoing tide at night. A lot of big bass are being taken there but ONLY on outgoing water on live eels. Big bass are also being taken in the surf around the inlet. Nice flounders up to 2 pounds are being taken off Remsenburg on bloodworms without chum on any moving tide. Larry Smith and his son of E. Moriches took 2 dozen big flounders in that area on Sunday. Blackfish are in the inlet by the rocks.

Dudley Hall and Hank Schlonger caught this mixed bag of 11 weakfish, 29 seabass, 40 porgies and 28 flounders east of buoy 42 on worms and squid. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

Al Lassen of the **Hi-Way Fishing Station** said that nice sized flounder are being taken between buoys 42 to 45 and in Harts Cove. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson and Mel Eisenstein took 40 nice flounder in the cove on Sunday. Fantastic catches of blue claw crabs are being taken around buoy 42 and 45 using killie rings and traps. Marie Sutoris took 55 big blueclaws by herself. Plenty of bluefish offshore. Striped bass are being taken off the Groins at Hampton Bays driftisng live eels and bunker from boats. Blackfishing is good at the west side of the jetty.

MASTIC BEACH

Keenan's Fishing Station reports lots of flounder between buoys 20 and 21 averaging 1 pound with bloodworms on all tides, with no chumming necessary. Lots of crabs mixed in with the flounder caught on flounder hooks and in traps. Some bluefish in the 3-4 lb. class taken on Sunday afternoon on hi-lo rigs tipped with squid.

WEST SAYVILLE

John at **J&R Sports Center** in Oakdale informs us that flounder activity, though slow, has started off Heckscher at buoys 4 and 5 and in towards the beach and also at 29 and 30. Blacks at the Kismet Reef inshore are excellent and of mixed sizes, up to 3½ pounds. Some bass on drifted live eels in the channel and inlet, fish over 20 lbs. Blues from 6-12 pounds are being taken from the beach at Fire Island's Field 2 and at Democratic Point,

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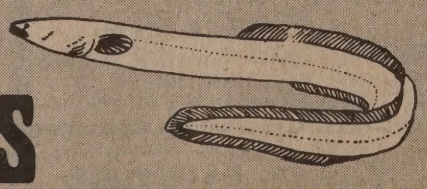

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Capt. Bill of the charterboat **Friendship** has been experimenting and locating flounder hotspots in the area north of buoy 4 off Heckshire. Bill tells us that the flounder are spotty but fat, and that we need some cooler weather to really put them on the feed. Bill is lining up areas from East and West Island down to Moriches.

CAPTREE

Captain Ben Litwin of the **Captain Ben Litwin** reported plenty of blackfish up to 9 pounds being taken at the Kismet Artificial Reef on green crabs and fiddlers. The boat will start codfishing sometime in the middle of November.

The **Captain Rod** reported the flounder fishing picking up with signs of larger fish on the flats and it looks like a good fall run for flounder. The flats off of Islip and Bayshore and the State Channel are all producing fish. In another week the Heckscher area should wake up. Lots of blue claw crabs all over the bay.

Captain Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy V** said that the bluefishing was very very good all week but bombed out on Saturday and Sunday, probably due to the weather and rolling seas. During the week was best on the wrecks Hilton Castle and the San Diego. There are a lot of dogfish around so anchoring over the wrecks is producing best. Most of the fish are 8 to 10 pounds with a few seabass taken around slack tide when the baits sink to the bottom. Codfishing should begin around the week after Election Day.

The **Captain Joseph Fleet** reports that blackfishing still has been very good on the Kismet Reef and local wrecks. Flounder are also off to a good start in Great South Bay.

Captain Neil of the charterboat **Lady Ann** told us that the Home Insurance Co. chartered the boat on Saturday and took 279 blackfish up to 5½ pounds fishing a wreck by the Robert Moses Bridge. Clams and fiddler crabs outproduced the green crabs. One fisherman lost a rod and reel overboard, realized that it wasn't insured, and promptly recovered the outfit 15 minutes later by accidentally snagging it.

Noel at the **Captree Bait Station** reports blues and bass in the surf at Fire Island field 2 and 3, Democratic Point, Cedar Beach, Jones Beach field 10 and West End II on live eels and bunker chunks. Top of the flood day and nights seem to be best. Noel weighed in a 22.3 oz. blue at 7z;30 A.M. on Sunday, taken on bunker chunk from Cedar Beach. Flounder are at all the piers on worms,

Mary-Ann Geiss and husband Bill with their catch of weakfish aboard the "Lady Jess" of Captree.

all tides. Blackfish mainly at the Captree Overlook Pier, Moses field 3, the Coast Guard Station, and the Jones Beach Piers on fiddlers and green crabs. Lots of blue claw crabs at Captree and Jones Beach Piers.

OAKBEACH

Bill at **The Store** reports that Bob Smith of Deer Park beached a 36 lb. striper on a live eel at high water on Sunday from Cedar. Bill heard of a 24 lb. blue taken off Gilgo on an eel. Thursday and Friday several other big bass were hung on eels. On Friday a 17 pounder took an eel. On Wednesday a 25 pound 8 ounce bass fell to another unfortunate eel off Cedar. Striper fishing with big fish taking live eels is now a fairly steady thing, also these fish will take live bunker, bunker chunk, or live baby blackfish. Flounder fishing with bloodworms is averaging 6-12 fish per man, ¾ to 1¼ pounds, north of The Store.
Plenty of blacks off the breakwater and the rocks on fiddler and green crab. Good weather will bring even better fishing. Bill says to remember that lots of hours must be put in, in order to tie into one of these cow bass. Good blues are in all surf areas. Democratic Point is producing a good number of schoolies on lures and live bass eels fished behind the short wire leader. Rich Schular of Oakbeach hooked and landed a 19 lb. striper on a worm tipped flounder rig on Wednesday. That's the way she goes.

EAST ISLIP

Don at **Wet-A-Line Bait and Tackle** tells us that flounder fishing is good nearly any where in the state channel, all tides, on bloodworm. Don reports bass off Cedar Beach on eels and small blacks, mainly in late afternoon, evening and nightime. Blacks at the Sore Thumb on fiddler and green crab.

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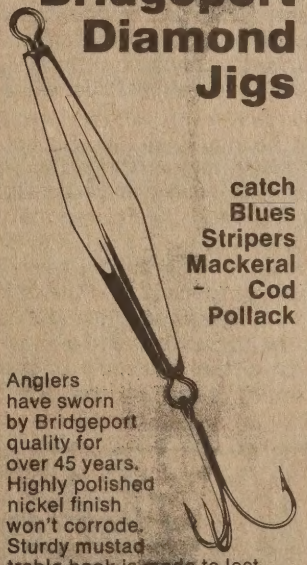

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Bill and Glenn picked a couple of nice fish from Democrat Point on Fire Island. Both fish hit a home made lure that Glenn makes. The bass weighed 6 lbs. and the blue weighed 11 lbs. Photo courtesy of The Store.

BABYLON

Walter at **Babylon Fishing Station** tells us that the flounder fishing is good in the State Channel, west of the Babylon Cut. Fish averaging ¾ of a pound, scarfing on bloodworms. Crabs are very good at the bridges. Additional hot spots for flounder are Fox Island and East Fox Creek. Blacks are excellent at the Kismet Reef on fiddlers and green crabs.

Bergen Point Fishing Station reports blues in the 14 lb. class on chum and butterfish on the outside. Joe reports flounder off Bergen Point and in most of the surrounding bay waters, and off the Lindenhurst beaches with bloodworm and clam, all tides. Red hot are crabs in traps.

LINDENHURST

Duke's Tackle Shop informs us that blackfishing remains OUTSTANDING at the Kismet Reef on the inside with fiddlers and green crabs with slack water the best, though all tides are working. Flounder are sporadic due to the weather but all in all are fairly good. At the north and south sides of the East West Channel and from Babylon to Copaigue on bloodworms. Chumming helps. Heckscher is producing good flounder. Lots of blues in Fire Island Inlet and along the Moses-Jones Beach areas. Surf casters and trollers are getting good numbers of stripers from the Fire Island Inlet area and along Cedar and Jones Beach. Trolled Lupo Bunker Spoons and cast live eels are the ticket. Stripers should increase in activity and in numbers in the coming weeks as the water cools off. Large blue claws are being pulled up on flounder rigs in the State Channel and all other boat channels.

Charlie's West informs us that ten year old Patty Giallanzo nailed a 12 lb. 13 oz. weakfish on Thursday on 25 lb. test line at the hole off the Lighthouse on whole live bunker on her Dad's boat "Bassass". On Wednesday her seven year old Joe Jr. bagged a 41 lb. 6 oz. striper on live bunker at the Sore Thumb from that same strangely named boat. Plenty of flounder most anywhere with the East West Channel a best bet, worms or clam, all tides. Plenty of blackfish on the inside Kismet Reef, fiddlers and green crabs. The surf at Cedar is producing big blues and bass. The biggest blue weighed in at Charlies West was a 16 pounder with live eels proving irrestible to the blue beasts and to the guys with stripes. John says that a 51 lb. 7 oz. striper was taken by a 5 ft. 2 women on Thursday afternoon on a live eel. There appears to be a decent amount of big bass around.

AMITYVILLE

Jonas Bait and Tackle tells us that Frank and George Gabriel and 2 passengers took 16 weaks from 9-12.9 lbs. on small blackfish from the Coast Guard Station to Kismet Reef and the week before took 30 weaks same method, same area. Stripers are being taken at Cedar and Tobay and off the Lighthouse on the inside on live eels and blackfish. Blackfishing is very good at the inside Kismet Reef and at the Moses Bridge. Flounders are good but spotty, fish fat. the Amityville Cut, Four Corners, Amityville and Copaigue flats, docks and beaches are producing flounders in good numbers but spotty. Blues on the outside on live eels. Trollers are scoring on big bass on Lupo Bunker Spoons.

SEAFORD

Captain Dave Piggot of the **Lucky Strike III** reports flounder fishing good and crabbing very good, mainly west of the Wantagh Bridge. Bushels of blue claws says Dave. He advises to throw out some crab traps while you are flounder fishing.

Lon Wanser Bait and Tackle reports loads of crabs all over, using killies and whole bunker in the traps. CRABS GALORE! Flounder are getting larger and the best bet would be Florence Beach, Four Corners, Past the 1st Wantagh Bridge on the Bellmore side and the Massapequa Shore Line with bloodworms. Try under the bridges for blackfish.

Lon also advises that there are lots of bass being trolled off Gilgo and Tobay on Lupo Bunker Spoons and red tubes and weighed up bass up to 42 lbs. this week. These were taken in 30 feet of water off the fore-mentioned beaches. Surf casters are also doing a job with live eels off Gilgo, Cedar Beach and West End. Flounders are very good at Squaw Island, Four Corners, Florence Beach on worms, no chumming needed. Crabs are FANTASTIC, in traps in all the channels and deep holes.

MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** reports that Lenny Baum trolling a Lupo Bunker Spoon off Gilgo bagged a 36 pound striper on Sunday. Frank Botte also trolling a Lupo Spoon got himself a 20 lb. striped bass off Gilgo, as did Ralph Drews of Merrick, all three fishing 35 feet of water. Flounder fishing has been fair to good, with the latest hotspot being just west of the mouth of Ned's Creek. From personal experience, your reporter advises that you now fish the channel off Whale Neck Point on high outgoing for your fall flounder.

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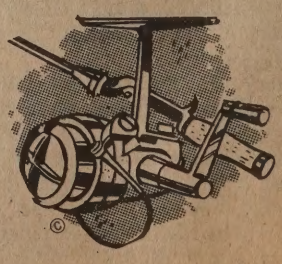

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The **Starstream II** had super great, unbelievable porgy, seabass and blackfish action Monday through Friday, then came (the "Weekend") and its normal lousy weather. Saturday was good fishwise, mainly seabass and porgies but Sunday was only "fair" due to the severe ground swells. So, a couple of calm days and the bottom fishing returns really hot.

The **Capt. Al** did very well all week and weekend on big choppers. Thursday and Friday were super-excellent, with fish to 18 pounds and loads of blues 10-14 lbs. On this Thursday, Al will be riding in "Cow Country", rounding up cod, pollack, seabass, big porgies and a few remaining big blues for his fares. Sailing time changes to 6 A.M.

The **Aloma II** is doing well on the fall flounder, fish averaging a fat pound, while Capt. John on the **Aloma** is bagging up on the blacks, seabass and porgies at local wrecks.

Capt. Mike of the **Empire** had good bluefishing Sunday at Cholera. There were 40 big blues for 11 men, chumming. About an equal number of fish were dropped. Fish ran 1-12 pounds.

Capt. Lou II, the grizzled veteran of Woodcleft Canal continues to pick up flounder, fishing local spots.

Captain Jim of the **Nite Owl** reports that on Wednesday he had a charter out and bailed cod, pollack and blues plus a 5 lb. sea bass off a wreck in 130 feet of water. "Tons of doggies", reports Jim. On Friday the Kleeban Tool Co. had a 6

Howie Sternberg of Long Beach caught this 20 lb. bass on live bunker off of Rockaway Beach. Subscriber Club Photo.

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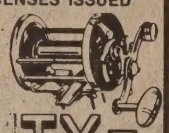

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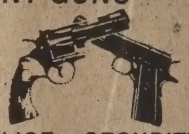

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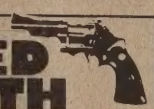

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man charter out and bailed 70 big bluefish. On Saturday, Jim's charter bailed sea bass until the rotten weather forced them to call it a day.

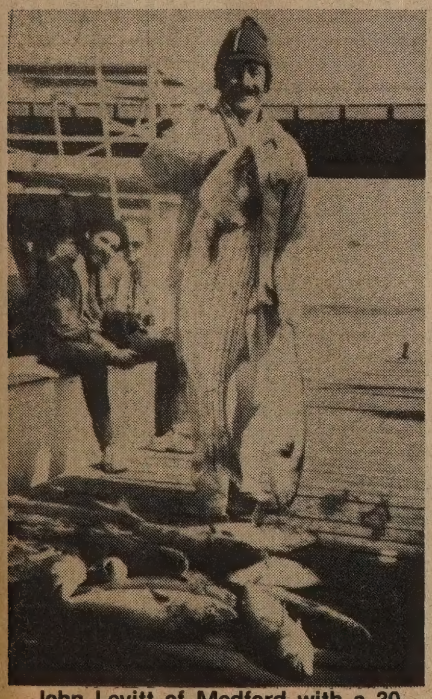
Mako Marina called to say that the Harbor Point Yacht and Racket Club Tournament was called off this past weekend due to the foul weather and has been re-scheduled for this weekend, November 1 and 2. For further info, call Make Marina, Charvin Fishing Station or Hennings Fishing Station.

POINT LOOKOUT

Fair flounder and blackfishing for those that went out over the weekend reports Marilyn at **Ed's Fishing Station** The creeks, the flats and Funday Bay all produced good considering the weather. There are a tremendous amount of crabs particularly in the creek near the mouth of the inlet. Isolated big bass of 32, 37 and 41 pounds were caught on the weekend. These big fish were taken on either White Lupo bunker spoons or Danny plugs. A few isolated big blues were also taken but no big amounts.

Tom at **Long Beach Sports Marina** reports striped bass coming on strong. Bernie Haig of Long Beach took a 39 lb. bass on a live bunker east of the Silver Point Jetty. On the inside, John Stein took 3 bass to 30 lbs. using live small bunker at the Atlantic Bridge. There are still some blues to 6 lbs. taking bunker chunks near Duck Point. Flounder fishing with worms is still very good. Blacks are taking fiddlers on the outside jetties.

The Marie III had a charter washed out on Saturday, but another group on Sunday was put on to good catches of blackfish to 3 pounds and seabass to 2½ pounds plus flounder for a satisfying day of fishing. There are horned dogfish around now, which means the cod will be in very soon.



John Levitt of Medford with a 30 lb. bass and 15 blues, 10-15 lbs. he caught on Lupo Spoons aboard the "Kim".

ISLAND PARK

Capt. Clem of the **Commodore** reports flounder fishing is okay, though the warm weather slowed the flatties down a bit. Sunday saw an average of 15 fish per man. Clem is fishing the buoy 17 area of Reynolds Channel. Sea bass and porgies are just about gone from the bay, though blues in the 5-10 pound class are around along with bunker. Cooler weather will lead to increased flounder activity, which should coincide with the start of cod fishing in a few weeks. Clem also reports that blackfish are hitting well on fiddlers at the bridges, fish to 4 pounds.

Capt. Don Eichen of the **Shearwater** reports that on Sunday, trolling tubes,

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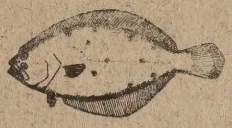

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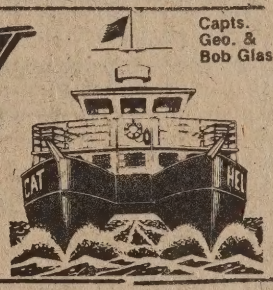

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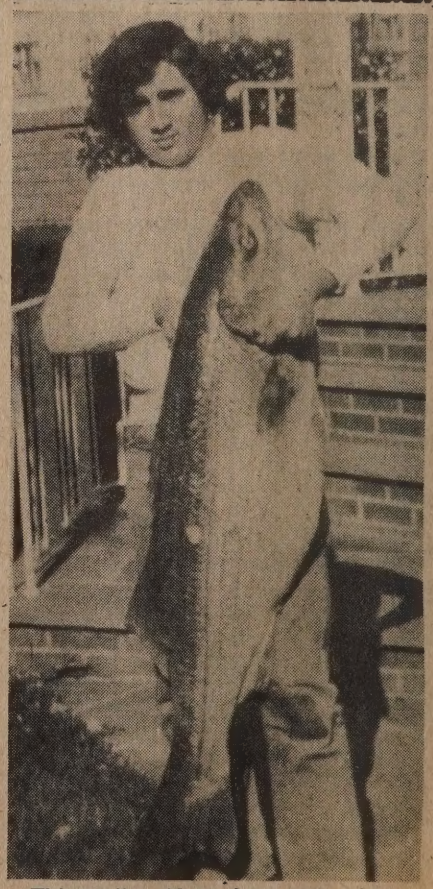

This 50 lbs. 12 oz. bass was taken at Cedar Beach on a live eel by Mike Tessitore of Valley Stream. This was his second bass in two years. Subscriber Club Photo.

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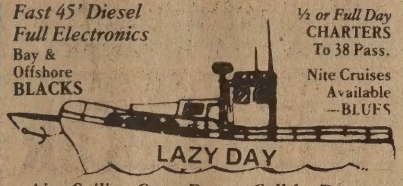

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he nailed a 19 lb. bass and a 20 lb. bass off Tobay in 26 feet of water for a charter made up of Rockaway anglers Dan McClean, Tom Lennon, Ed Flanagan, and Joe Gilbert. The **Shearwater** is now sporting a brand new Mercruiser 255 and Don says she really hums.

Bill at **Beckman's Tackle** said the weather slowed down the fishing over the weekend. Even so he weighed in a 33¼ pound striped bass taken on a Danny Plug on Monday A.M. He has been weighing in bass all week long. They are being taken on live eels and Danny plugs with weights going into the thirties.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Capt. Ronnie Lepper of the **Kim** called to say that there is good bass fishing for big fish between Gilgo and the Jones Tower. He's been averaging 1-5 bass per day, all week (daytime) and there are fish 25-35 lbs, all on Lupo Bunker Spoons. 36 lbs. was his largest, and incoming tide was best. Up until Thursday, huge choppers in the 17 pound area were not rare. Most of the boats didn't sail Saturday due to the weather but Sunday was excellent with the wind laying down and most boats were out. On Sunday Ronnie had 5 fish, 25-36 pounds all on Lupo Spoons. There are a good number of fish off Lido and the fish taken this week were in approximately 30 feet of water and the fish are moving west.

Blackfishing is great at most of the jetties. They are taking mostly fiddler crabs with some worm and clam. Two tournaments were held over the weekend, one by the Five Town Fishing Club, which was won by a Keystone Yacht Club member. It was a 35 lb. 12 oz. striped bass. The Atlantic Beach Rod

Lenny Averhan caught this 46 ¾ lb. bass east of Jones Inlet in 15 feet of water. Photo courtesy of Mako Marina.

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and Gun contest was won by Marvin Zuckerman fishing from the Four Queens with tubes. This also was a 35 lb. bass. The striped bass seem to be east of Long Beach and mixed with blues.

JAMAICA BAY

John at **Crossbay Rod and Gun** said there are small flounder at the North Channel Bridge along with good quantities of blacks. Blacks are taking mostly clam bait. There are also some schools of blues about 3 or 4 pounds going by. South Channel and Marine Parkway Bridges are good for blacks.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Lots of porgies on Saturday and Sunday reports Freddie at **Mikes Bait and Tackle**. Bluefish are being taken at Ambrose Ridge using a 3-4 oz. drail with bunker chunk. The black side of Ambrose Channel also has blues and striped bass using trolled tubes and jigs.

Capt. Fred of the **Amberjack IV** says that this past Friday night's offshore pollack and cod wreck trip was only ½ a success, due to the brutal weather. 110 cod, some 25-30 pounds, with a lot 20-25 pounds were taken by 55 passengers at the rail. The pool fish was a cod running 42 pounds. The catch was good, considering the wind, fog, rain and mountainous seas which ran 8 to 12 feet, 20 feet at times. Fred attributes part of his success in this really foul weather to the special 300 pound anchor he has had made up to use under punnishing conditions. On the trip that the **Amberjack IV** made on October 13, Capt. Fred spotted two Russian trollers at about 2:30 A.M. with their nets out, only 8½ miles off the Fire Island Beach. He reported this immediately by radio to the Fire Island Coast Guard Station, but does not know if the Coast Guard followed up on his call. Your reporter will check with the Coast Guard and report the results in this column.

The **Helen II** should be out of the shipyard by the end of this week and Captain Huck will be sailing at 6 A.M. daily.

Capt. Tom of the **Pilot II** reports that fishing was not too good for the last week due to the warm water temperatures and wind. However, blackfishing broke loose on Sunday, with 30 plus fish per man, up to 8 pounds. Sunday Tom fished off Jones Inlet, though his usual haunts are off the Jersey coast. Blackfishing season is now under way with cooler water being moved in by those miserable winds.

Capt. Butch on the **New Zephyr** reports that Saturday was bad weather-wise though fishing was passable, with seabass, blacks, some ling and the last of the porgies being picked. On Sunday there was a bad heave due to the previous day's weather and that hampered the fishing. Monday through Friday However, Capt. Butch had his

passengers doing very well on ling up to 2 pounds, 8 to 10 fish per man along with seabass, blackfish and porgies. Butch is now going after seabass and blackfish hot and heavy and is carrying fiddlers and green crabs for bait. On Thursday two of his fares tied into an 18 and 20 lb. bluefish on porgy rigs. These fish were not boated, but caused quite an up-roar as the big battle raged while they were being brought up.

The **Blue Sea II** informs us that the bluefishing is really super, with plenty of big choppers 8-15 pounds, nothing smaller than 8. They are fishing at 17 Fathoms and the Farms, 10-25 bluefish per man. Saturday and Sunday were also fantastic. Some dogfish are being pulled up, indicating codfishing is around the corner.

STATEN ISLAND

Santo's Sport Shop reports surf fishing from Penny Beach and Cliff St. remained good all week. Schoolies of 3-6 lbs. are being taken with worms on the outgoing tide. South Beach jetty and pier has big blues all week taking cut bait. Great Kills Park jetty and harbor has flounder. Boat fishermen working off South Beach from Hoffman Island to can 21 have trolled up blues and a few 25-30 lb. striped bass using Bingle Gorilla rigs or Bananas. The same kind of action is at the Romer Shoals, West Bank Lighthouse and Norton's Point area. Here the bass are schoolies.

This is one of the 30 lb. bass taken by Steve Accardi aboard John Fedunic's boat "Super Pole". The bass were taken at Plum Gut on bucktails. Subscriber Club Photo.

NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

GREENPORT

The **Wilhelric** and **Brand X** both open boats, have been slaughtering the blues. There are so many that some fares get tired of hauling them in. The blues are mostly big ones. The charterboat **Elanor** loaded up on blackfish. The captain says this is just a fantastic year for blacks and you can't miss.

Art White said everything is starting to really pop. Despite the poor weather conditions reported by NYC stations, he said there is over a 100 miles difference and the weather was okay for fishing. Plum Gut is yielding up many 20, 30 and 40 lb. striped bass. Surf fishing for blacks is good at Greenport Jetty and much of the LI Sound using crabs. Orient has good flounder fishing with worms and clams but it needs some colder weather to get it going.

Bob Brosnan of Dix Hills caught these blues of 10, 6 and 3 lbs. at buoy 11B on butterfish. Subscriber Club Photo.

SOUTHOLD

Port of Egypt Fishing Station reports fantastic blackfishing at Orient and the Lighthouse using green crabs. Nice flounder can also be had on clam. Blue

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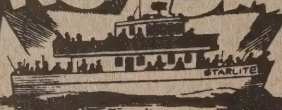

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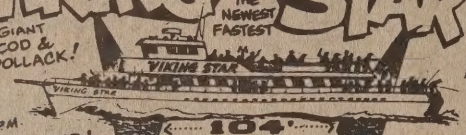

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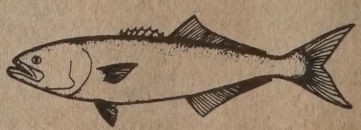

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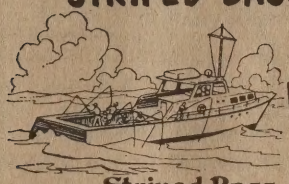
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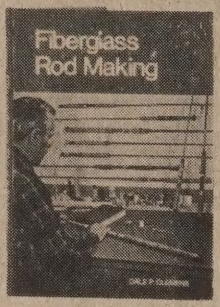

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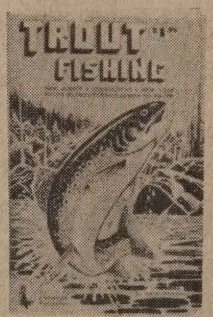

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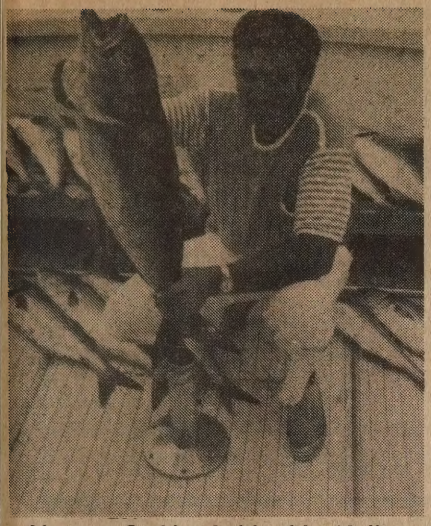


Herman Sackler holds this 16 lb. bluefish along with 25 others he caught on his boat "Swiftwater" in Stamford. All the fish were trolled on Goo-Goo eye lures. Subscriber Club Photo.

fish were taken off Gardiners Island. These were taken by anchored boats using mackerel with a few striped bass. Blackfish were taken at the hole off the Windmill, the Brickyard and the dolphins off Greenport. Flounders were east of the Greenport Jetty and west of Conklin's Point.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reports good black fishing in the North Race. Blacks of 2-3 lbs. with a couple to 6 lbs. are taking worms and skimmers. Buoy 22 has good catches of flounders of about one pound using worms. Buoy 32 has both blacks and flounders taking worms and skimmers.

JAMESPORT

Jamesport Bait and Tackle said there is a terrific run of blackfish in the LI Sound. Most rocky areas will provide fish. These 3-5 pound blacks are taking fiddler and green crabs. Striped bass fishing has been very slow but early A.M. before dawn has seen big blues taken on white plugs.

PORT JEFFERSON

Port Jefferson Sport Shop reports blues still being taken in the harbor on bunker bait. Blacks are all along the rocky shore. They range from 2-7 lbs. and are biting crab baits. There are a few striped bass here and there taken on Port Jefferson Sport Shop live eels.

NORTHPORT

Tom at **Bowman's Sporting Goods** said there is exceptional blackfishing south of buoy 11B. Most fish are 4-6 lbs. with some to 10 lbs. They are hitting green crabs. There are also blacks from the beach at Sand City and Waterside Park at high tide. The Lilco hot water discharge has blues and occasional striped bass at close to high tide and outgoing water using bait close to the bottom mainly at night.

Capt. Pete of the trailered charterboat **Jennie III** on Saturday had blues in the morning in the buoy 13 area and then ran to 11B and did a leap job on blackfish all afternoon, as the water had calmed. Pete says that the blackfishing at 11B is strong and now is the time to get in on it.

HUNTINGTON

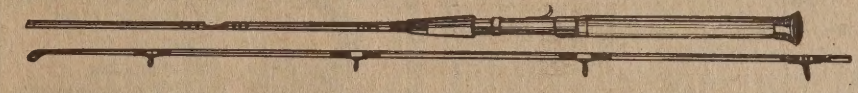
Ronnie's Bait and Tackle says that there are loads of blacks at buoy 11B, Eaton's Neck and Target Rock. Upcoming tide is best using fiddler and green crabs. Blues have been at the red and white obstruction buoy and northwest of Eatons Neck taking bunker chunks. Striped bass are being taken on worms at Crabmeadow Beach, while trolled worm is best at Huntington Inlet. Small flounder on worms are at Lloyd Harbor, Huntington Harbor and Huntington Bay.

Capt. Constantine of the **Ever Ready Fleet** reports excellent blackfishing over the weekend. It was so good Sunday that the afternoon trip went for blacks instead of flounder and several of the morning fares went again.

Pete Belies caught this 12 lb. 2 oz. albacore at Eatons Neck on a Creek Chub Popper. Photo courtesy of Four Winds Tackle.

GLEN COVE

Bluefishing is still pretty good says John at **Glen Cove Sports.** Although they are starting to thin they go from 8-20 lbs. on bunker. At various times big blues are taking plugs along Sea Cliff beaches to the breakwater. Blackfishing is definitely on the upswing. The Matinecock Rod and Gun Club did a water quality survey of Dsoris Pond. Two separate tests by a proffesor at the College showed the Coliform content to be practically non-existent.



Subscribers Tony Grimando and Burt Dietrich and their sons Tony and Robert on the Dietrich's boat the "Christine" caught 28 blues 3 to 10 pounds, 1 weakfish 7½ pounds, 1 bonito 7½ pounds and a shark out of Fire Island Inlet.

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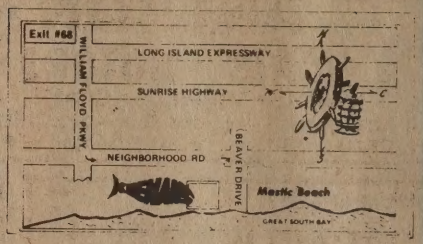

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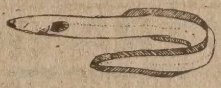

Gary Olson, 11, of Commack caught this 34 lbs. striper off Hobart Beach on a bunker chunk. Photo courtesy of Four Winds Tackle.

CITY ISLAND

Jacks Bait and Tackle reports blacks are all over. They are from 1-8 pounds with a lot of 4-5 lbs. Crabs are the usual bait. Blues have been in and out of the bay all week. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday they were in real strong. Most of these big blues were 12-16 lbs. taken on cut bait. Plenty of flounder and butterfish are in the bay. Striped bass to 12 lbs. are being taken on worms at Harts Island and Sands Point.

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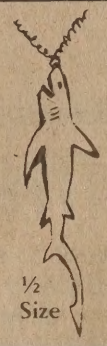
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DAY	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
10/30 THURSDAY	3:29	3:48	5:03	5:28	6:46	7:21	6:57	7:24
10/31 FRIDAY	4:30	4:51	5:56	6:25	7:54	8:31	7:52	8:21
11/1 SATURDAY	5:26	5:45	6:46	7:18	8:55	9:30	8:45	9:14
11/2 SUNDAY	6:16	6:37	7:37	8:09	9:48	10:23	9:36	10:05
11/3 MONDAY	7:04	7:25	8:25	8:59	10:36	11:13	10:26	10:55
11/4 TUESDAY	7:51	8:14	9:15	9:49	11:24	—	11:14	11:46
11/5 WEDNESDAY	8:38	9:02	10:06	10:40	12:01	12:10	—	12:04
11/6 THURSDAY	9:25	9:52	10:56	11:34	12:52	12:58	12:36	12:52

SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Potunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Inlet & Dem. Pt.	−0 38
Coast Giard Sta.	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Loop Pkwy. Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 00
Beach Ch. (Bridge)	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26
STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
MANASQUAN	−0 12

WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28

NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Connecticut River	+1 10
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	−0 14
Fort Pond Bay	−0 29
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point	−1 13

BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	−0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0 08
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42

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	A.M		P.M.	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
10/23	7:25	1:35	7:45	2:00
10/24	8:15	2:30	8:40	2:55
10/25	9:10	3:25	9:35	3:55
10/26	9:10	3:25	9:35	3:50
10/27	10:05	5:10	11:20	5:35
10/28	11:50	5:55	:	6:25
10/29	12:05	6:45	12:40	7:10

PHASES OF THE MOON

11-3	11-10	11-18	11-26
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.

SUNRISE/SUNSET

11-6	6:34	4:53
11-12	6:40	4:47
11-18	6:47	4:42
11-24	6:54	4:39

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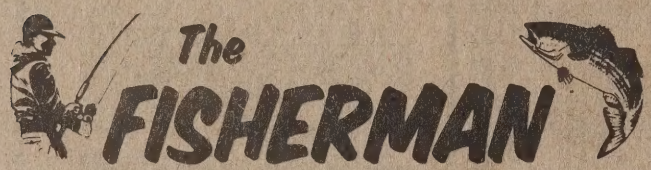

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